



Mary Masiel's car is upside down at the highway 5A and Old Hedly Road intersection in the morning of Wednesday March 4. Masiel (at right) was not injured in the accident which resulted from a driver failing to stop at the Old Hedly Road junction. Masiel's vehicle was struck on the driver's side when the other vehicle entered the intersection.

Man threatens police in stand-off

Richard William Gray, age 37, of Princeton, was arrested March 4 after an armed stand-off situation at 241 Penryn Avenue.

The incident began when police received an assault complaint naming Gray as the subject. Police went to his residence at 4:30 p.m. and Gray refused to come out of his residence. Then he displayed a firearm at the window and made threatening statements to the police officers.

Police kept the residence under observation and continued to speak with Gray. He finally left the residence approximately two hours later and was taken into custody.

Gray was charged with one count of common assault, and one count

of a weapon or imitation thereof, for a purpose posing danger to the public peace, an indictable offense.

Gray appeared in Provincial Court in Princeton on March 5 for a hearing as to whether he should be released on a recognizance. After hearing the evidence from both sides, Judge B.J. Grannary ordered Gray retained in custody.

Snowmobiler rescued in Ashnola Valley

Keremeos RCMP and Keremeos Search and Rescue received a missing person report on Tuesday, March 3. A 42 year old Penticton man had been snowmobiling with four friends when they became separated at approximately 2:30 p.m. Local volunteers and Keremeos Snowmobile Club joined the search, along with two helicopters.

The missing snowmobiler, Warren Kurtz, was located by a search helicopter the following morning. He was picked up by the helicopter and taken to the search base camp at Trapper Lake. Kurtz appeared to be in good health, suffering no ill effects from his overnight ordeal.

Shooter scares Hedley people

A Hedley man firing a shotgun in the street brought police to the scene on February 28. The man had confronted several people at a residence on Scott Street and the group had taken the gun away from him by the time Princeton RCMP arrived.

The man had returned to his home, and police ordered him out of the house. He was arrested, and charges are pending.

Council likes idea of police on bicycles

Princeton Town Council gave encouragement to Constable Michael Fox's proposal to put local police on bicycles this summer.

"Crime rates drop dramatically during bike patrol periods," Cst. Fox told Council.

The reason for the reduction in crime is due to the swifter response time of officers on bicycle, and the stealth of bicycles. An officer with a motor vehicle must move the vehicle to the scene, and is highly visible while approaching the crime scene. The officer on a bicycle goes rapidly to the scene, and is not as likely to be noticed. Cst. Fox told Council there is an increase in drug arrests as the vendors and buyers do not hear the officers coming.

Cst. Fox asked Council for financial support for acquiring the bicycles. The RCMP would cover the cost of the individual officer's gear, but not the bicycles. The

bicycles would cost \$3,181.

Cst. Fox told Council that the RCMP had specified the type of bicycle, and the bikes could be purchased and maintained locally. Council advised Cst. Fox to go to service clubs for some of the funding, then come back to Council to report.

Weather Watch

	High	Low	Precip
Mar 2	4.4	-0.2	3 cm snow
Mar 3	2.5	-1.8	1.8 cm snow
Mar 4	1.1	-4	trace snow
Mar 5	1.3	-5.6	0.2 cm snow
Mar 6	1.2	-5.7	1.2 cm snow
Mar 7	5	-6	1 cm snow
Mar 8	5.3	-3.7	
Wed cloudy, 40% rain, hi 9, low 0			
Thurs same, high 10			
Fri same, high 9			
Mar 13, Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.			
Sunset: 6:06 p.m.			
Daylight equal to Sept. 30			

WKP-PLP combine for service

Electricity customers in the Similkameen and Tulameen Valleys can expect faster response to outages and other service improvements as a result of a new partnership agreement between West Kootenay Power and Princeton Light and Power.

In emergency situations, customers in this southwestern corner of WKP's service area will now receive service from whichever utility has a crew best able to respond. For example, if a PLP truck is in the area of a WKP distribution outage, PLP would respond and do the necessary repairs. PLP has stationed a fully operational service crew in Keremeos to ensure quick responses.

"Improving customer service is the cornerstone of this agreement," said WKP Area Manager Bob Bernard. "Not only will we be able to respond to emergency outages faster, but at a reduced cost. This sort of arrangement is very effective in an industry as specialized as ours."

Bernard points to similar arrangements with B.C. Hydro whereby West Kootenay Power provides services in areas where Hydro is not well-staffed. As well, WKP operates a number of generating plants under contract to other owners. "The driving factor has to be best possible service at the lowest cost for customers, and we have achieved that through this arrangement with PLP."

PLP President John Hall is equally enthusiastic about the arrangement.

"Both of our utilities are focused on providing higher levels of customer service and finding innovative new ways to reduce costs or



John Hall President of Princeton Light and Power

increase revenues. So this partnership works for both utilities and most importantly, it works for both WKP and PLP customers.

More winter tourists

Princeton's Tourist Information Centre was open 152 hours during February, and welcomed 315 visitors, exceeding the number of tourists in February 1997.

Most tourists requested information on accommodations, hiking, and biking in the Princeton area.

Darla Biagioni, who compiles the statistics for Princeton and District Chamber of Commerce, says she sent out nine relocation packages last month. These go to

people interested in moving to Princeton. Biagioni sent out eight visitor information packages, counted 195 phone calls, and answered questions for six people interested in investing in a new business in Princeton area, and three interested in purchasing existing businesses.

Biagioni attended a Travel Counsellor training program last week, preparing for the spring and summer tourist season.

It's exciting for us, too, because it represents growth for us: we've added two new linemen to our staff and a whole roster of external services.

PLP crews will now look after WKP's regular distribution operations and maintenance, pole testing and replacement, system upgrades required for safety and reliability, meter reading, new connects, disconnects and reconnects, and some capital works projects in the Similkameen and Tulameen Valleys. In case of emergency, WKP customers should continue to call the 24 hour hotline at 1-800-663-2224. All other service requirements will be handled through WKP's customer service centre in Penticton (1-800-667-9964).

Princeton Light and Power began on March 22, 1922, with a Board of Directors which included current President John Hall's grandfather, also named John Hall.



Forester Steve Börcsök explains local logging plans for Princeton Forest Corporation cut blocks to Norm Druck at the Merritt Forest District Open House.

Open House brings bad news

Local forest workers harvested 1.45 million cubic meters of timber and hauled 38,000 truckloads of logs in 1997. The harvest generated \$8.1 million for Forest Renewal B.C., of which \$5 million came back to our Forest District. That was the good news at the Merritt Forest District annual public open house held March 5.

The bad news came at the end of the evening meeting when Forest District Manager Rod de Boice and Princeton Weyerhaeuser timberlands manager Bill Aspinall shot from the hip in describing the forest industry economy.

"It's not a pretty picture out there," Aspinall told the meeting. He explained that the sale of lumber is a global commodity business, and B.C. and the Pacific Northwest of U.S.A. are high-cost, high quality producers, while others are low-cost producers.

"Our advantage is our high quality fibre and our excellence in manufacturing," Aspinall said.

He predicted two tough years.

Poopy dogs present problem

Hartley Buhler complained to Town Council on March 2 about the dog manure on local sidewalks. The complaint came during question period.

Buhler asked Council to find a solution to the problem of people walking their dogs and allowing the dogs to empty their bowels on the street. He stated that dogs tied to trees outside local businesses are particularly likely to mess the sidewalks.

Buhler suggested a bylaw used in Nelson. The dog owner is fined for having the dog on the sidewalk. No dogs are allowed on downtown sidewalks.

then a healthy market, but made it clear that the present lumber market is not as stable as it once was, when west coast producers dominated the world market.

Prices are down 25 per cent from last year, and softwood tariff slows trade with the United States and manufacturers could operate at a loss if the quota is exceeded.

Rod deBoice added, "It's the worst economic situation I've seen in the 25 years I've been in this business."

Displays included information on forest fires, Forest Renewal B.C. projects, recreation site development plans, forest licensee plans and projects, and a video of Trans Canada Trail shown on Air Canada flights.

Rod deBoice hosted the evening public meeting, presenting facts and figures about both the achievements and challenges of managing local forests. Bill Aspinall followed with a report on the dire condition of the forest industry economy.

The news about beetle infestation was not good. There are 4,300

hectares (ha) of Mountain Pine Beetle infestation, and it is increasing. Spruce beetle has infested 3,500 ha. and balsam beetle has infested 2,700 ha. of timber. Douglas fir infestation is limited to 80 ha., but spruce budworm has infested 14,000 ha. of timber.

"Seventy-two per cent of our forest is old," deBoice stated, "We created an artificial forest out there because the forest is older than nature would have allowed." Fires would have eliminated most of the old forest by now, "but we don't let it burn", de Boice said.

One of the great achievements of the Merritt Forest District was the completion of the three year project that classified 267 lakes in the district. Rich Hodson was given credit for the long hours he put into this important project.

The next step will be to develop landscape unit planning. This activity will determine what is most suitable for landscape areas. One of the goals linked to this planning is biodiversity and meeting the needs of wildlife, as well as timber harvesting, watercourse protection, and recreational use.

Council listened to Buhler, but as the meeting was adjourned, did not discuss the matter.

Thief takes beer

Princeton Bus Depot was broken into early on March 4. The intruder went in through a side door, then made his/her way to the kitchen, where four dozen beer and two roasts were taken.

Anyone observing anything around the Bus Depot in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 4, is asked to call Princeton RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

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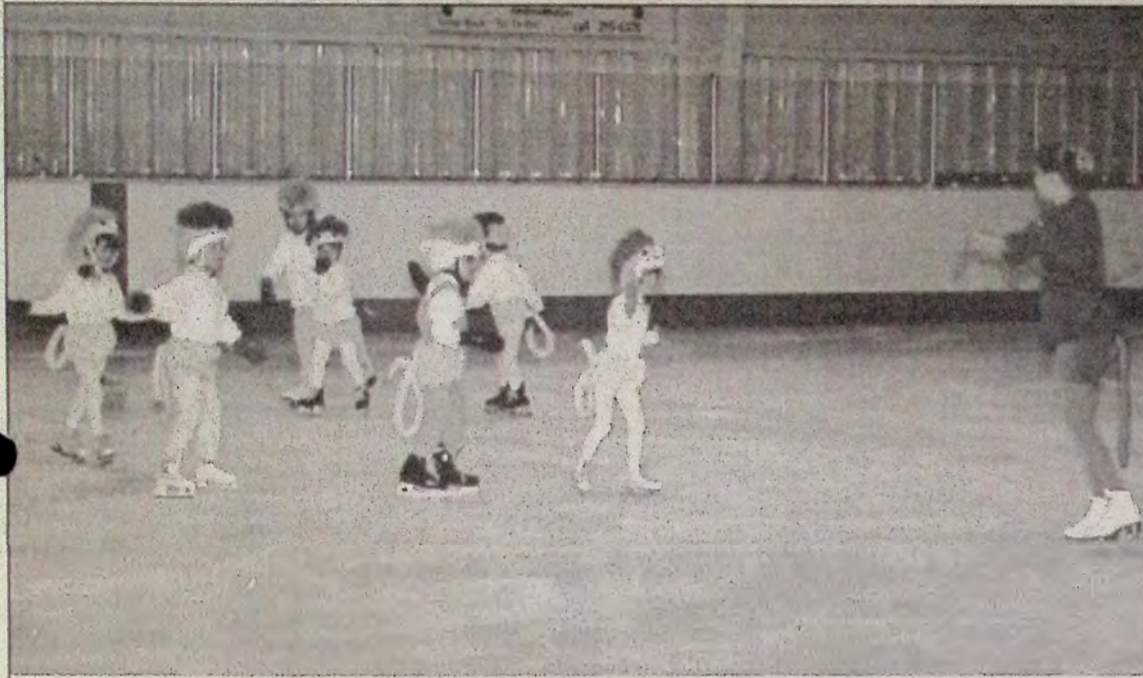
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Brittany Antonick leads the little kidskate group in Sesame Street production at the Princeton Figure Skating Club year end achievement night.

Young skaters thrill crowd

The crowd loved the display of figure skating skills presented Friday night at Princeton arena. The range of skating went from the tiny tots, who always steal the show, to the older skaters, whose abilities were heartily applauded. Princeton Figure Skating Club gave an extended program with the second half of the presentation by skaters from clubs in Kelowna

and Penticton. Nykayla Stevens was the star of the Princeton portion of the show. She has won gold this year, and has performed consistently, showing a dedication to the work required for top performances. Meagan Thomas performed her first public solo, and shows real promise. Brittany Antonick and Kim Houle skated solos that

demonstrated their increasing skills. Trish McElhinney skated an artistic solo "The Slave Girl", and Lindsey Nesbitt, Sarah Johnson, and Chandra Darel skated solos worthy of their "senior" status. David Bell, the lone male soloist, did a James Bond routine that demonstrated his growing strength.

Local author presents new book

Nelson Lewis will be selling and signing "The Mayor of Squatter's Row and Other Tales of the Yukon" at L & S Grocery on Saturday, March 14. Lewis spent 15 years in Whitehorse, and he knows how to capture the flavour of Canada's mystical Yukon, where strange things are done under the midnight sun. The book is well worth the read. In the introduction, Lewis describes the Yukon as "a way of life and a state of mind". His stories clearly illustrate the state of

mind. There is an underlying thread of good-natured tolerance for human foibles in a world



where Nature is the biggest challenge. Lewis has been a writer for a long time. His work has been published in the Yukon News, The Whitehorse Star, and magazines including Outdoor Canada, North Magazine, B.C. Outdoors and Camping Canada. The Mayor of Squatter's Row is a Princeton product, published by Blue Pine Publishing of Princeton, a business owned by Dale Connell. The signing will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Elder Theresa Terbasket attended the March 4 Sparks meeting to tell the youngsters about rock paintings, legends of Coyote and Bear and some of the customs of First Nations peoples of the Similkameen Valley. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the stories and Terbasket thoroughly enjoyed the children.

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Local M.P. Jim Hart bashes Senatorial sloth

by Jim Hart,

Member of Parliament,
Okanagan-Coquihalla

Recently, several members of the Upper Chamber, otherwise known as the Senate of Canada, have become angry enough to nearly spill their tequila. The Senators are angry because of a recent recommendation that would penalize them one per cent of their salary for every day they fail to show up for work. Can you image just how much of Senator Thompson's salary would be deducted?

Over the past seven years, Senator Andrew Thompson, our absentee from Mexico, has received \$543,186 for 11 days of work. In the past 10 years, he was present at just 16 Senate sittings, and since 1983, Thompson has attended only 47 of the 1,088 sittings. The fact is, this Siesta Senator has taken advantage of the Canadian taxpayer for 31 years and, up until his suspension last week, his only punishment to date had been to free him from party obligations. However, this form of punishment only made his life easier as, without an

office in Ottawa, he had no work left to do in Ottawa.

The Prime Minister has said he hopes Senator Thompson does the honourable thing and resigns. You have told me, loud and clear, that from now until such time as the Senate has been completely

reformed, the Prime Minister should do the honourable thing and only appoint Senators who have been elected by voters in their provinces. There must be Senate elections in Alberta and British Columbia, the only two provinces with legislation allowing for senate elections. Other

provinces need to pass such legislation as to allow Canadians across the country to choose their representative in the Upper House.

It is time for the Liberal government to listen to the Canadian people and give us an Upper House that is elected, effective

and accountable to the Canadian people. We want our Senators to be productive, contributing members of our society. We do not want them wasting away in Margaritaville.

What do you think? Write to me, postage free, at 301 Main St., Suite 203, Penticton, B.C.

A local look



Brad Cornell

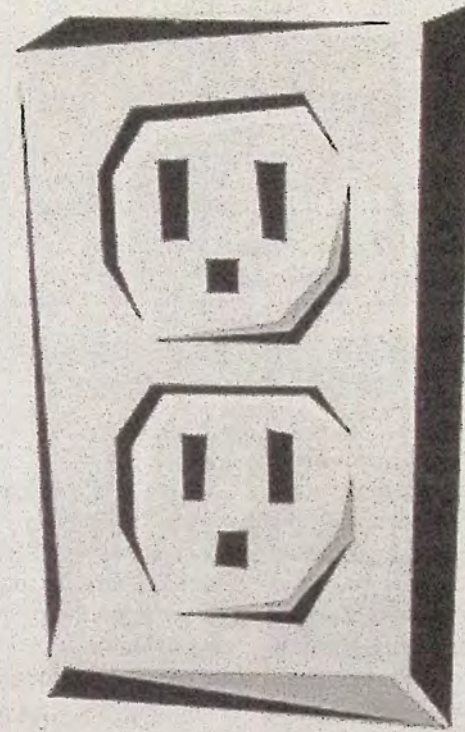
Brad Cornell

Local swimmer Brad Cornell spent the weekend of February 19-21 competing in the American North Central Conference Championships. Brad was swimming for the University of North Dakota. Finishing in the top 16 in all his events, Brad helped his University finish first overall in the North Central Conference.

Brad's freestyle times were good enough to qualify him for the U.S. NCAA National Championships to be held in Dayton, Ohio on March 11 - 14.

Brad is in his second year at the University of North Dakota majoring in Geography and Geology.

Brad Cornell graduated from Princeton Secondary in June, 1996. He went to Grand Forks, North Dakota to attend university and compete as a member of the swim team. He was a top swimmer for Kokanee Summer Swim Club, and while we had no pool, he was a member of the Penticton Pikes Summer Swim Club



Room Service

The Similkameen and Tulameen Valleys: sweeping valley floors, rugged mountain peaks and spectacular spans of pure nature.

While this makes for a wonderful place to live, it can create difficulties in providing first class electricity service. With all that room, the chances of being in the right place at the right time during an emergency outage are slim and can mean lengthy periods without service.

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Now if there is an emergency outage, the utility with a crew closest to the problem will respond. PLP has stationed a crew in Keremeos to ensure response times are even better than they have been at times in the past. The arrangement also calls for PLP to perform various metering, maintenance and construction work for WKP customers. This helps both utilities improve their financial performance, and those benefits get passed directly on to our customers.

All of which means the room service out here just got better.



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ENERGY ONE



The Vermilion Forks team getting ready left to right Samantha Bertucci, Bill Everitt, Mike McLeod and Reid Bicknell

Odyssey children go to B.C. Finals

by Elizabeth Everitt

Local youngsters prepared for months for the Odyssey of the Mind Tournament.

On Friday, February 27, six students from Vermilion Forks Elementary and four students from John Allison Elementary travelled with parents and their coaches, Shirley Low and Elizabeth Everitt, to a competition held in Vernon on Saturday.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is the largest worldwide creative problem-solving competition for children. Each year, five new "problems" are sent out to the many registered teams around the world, with an estimated 5,000 students going to world competitions in Florida in May. OM's mission is to foster the development of creative thinking and problem-solving skills. The children learn to think independently and to work in a group. They learn to listen to others without being critical, and how to enhance those suggestions with ideas of their own. And most importantly, they learn to open their minds to allow their own creative thoughts and ideas to flow. It's incredible what they come up with!

There are two parts to an OM competition, the longterm "problem" and the spontaneous "problem". The students as a team must select one of the five longterm problems that are offered for their division, which is determined by age. Within each problem there are criteria the children must meet, and this can include prop building, making costumes and writing scripts. All of the work must be completed by the students themselves. There can be no outside assistance from coaches or parents, or the children will be penalized at the time of the competition. If they need to drill, for

example, they can be taught how to drill, but they must do the work themselves. (Very difficult as a parent and coach to sit by and watch through your fingers!!)

There can be no more than seven students on a team. However, only five may participate in performing the solution to the problem. Each problem must have its solution performed in eight minutes. The students practice many varieties of spontaneous problems both hands-on and linguistic, but they do not know what type of problem they will have until they enter the test room. As important as how they perform solving their problem is how they work together as a team, which makes up a good part of their final mark.

The John Allison team members are Cullen Smart, Lewis Smith, Patrick LePoidevin, Rebecca Kruger and Noelle Holz. The students chose "Marvelous Mentor" for their longterm problem, in which they had to present a humorous performance about an advertising agency that has been commissioned to make a television commercial about a nutritional product. J.A. students selected Alfred Hitchcock as their mentor to promote their scary cereal. They built their own backdrop and props, wrote a catchy ditty for their product, and came up with some wonderful special effects. When those "birds" came flying out of that cereal box, everyone screamed!

Unfortunately, at the last minute, Noelle Holz became ill and could not attend the competition. However, with true team spirit, the rest of the group went on with the show and gave an excellent performance despite the last minute changes and the loss of that extra pair of hands. Though

they did not win in their category, they should be proud of what they

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POINTS OF VIEW

OUR VIEW

We are foolish

Our roving columnist, Joe Schwarz, brought us some news from Nelson, B.C. It seems there is an entrepreneur who is starting a white pine veneer plant, and he would like to run two shifts, but he cannot. The reason he can hire just one shift, instead of two, is almost a traditional kind of foolishness this province has indulged in since the beginning of our history.

Paul Creek Slicing owner Ron Rhodes cannot buy enough raw material to run two shifts. He needs logs called "cants". A cant is a rough, square-cut log which can be purchased from a sawmill. The Kootenay area has plenty of white pine, and plenty of cants, but Rhodes cannot buy them because they are going south.

Because the cants are squared off in the first step in milling, cants are classified as manufactured material, not as raw logs. Therefore, they can be shipped out.

If Rhodes could buy enough cants, he could put twenty-seven more people to work on a second shift.

This is British Columbia's traditional downfall: we ship our jobs and profits to other communities so that somebody else has the benefit of our raw materials. This sort of thing goes on everywhere.

Consider what might happen if that second shift could be employed. There would be twenty-seven new paycheques, perhaps twenty-seven more families, perhaps twenty-seven new homes, twenty-seven new cars, twenty-seven more children in local schools.

If the owner could make greater profits, perhaps there would be more support for local sports and local charities. A thriving local company would likely offer a scholarship for local students.

We are foolish. We fail to see the importance of keeping jobs and profits in our own communities. We would rather help somebody else get rich.



YOUR VIEW

Doctors disagree on hospital "Titanic" scenario

To the Editor;

As doctors practicing in Princeton we would like to point out that we are not in agreement with Dr. John Adams' statements regarding safety and the quality of care at the Princeton General Hospital.

We have always been grateful to



MISSING - JOSEPH A. LANGMAN

Langman has been missing since Feb. 9, from Trail, B.C. He is age 44, 5 foot 10 inches tall, 190 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair greying, has a moustache and wears silver glasses.

He was last seen wearing blue jeans, green Grizzlies sweatshirt, long navy blue jacket, hiking boots. Believed to be driving a 1994 hunter green Dodge Caravan, licence plate PRN 842, with a highly visible yellow KBS Radio sticker in rear window.

If you see him, or his van, please contact RCMP or call collect 1-250-364-2846.

the people of Princeton for their help in providing the new equipment we required and feel that as a result of this the Hospital is extremely well equipped and that the nurses are knowledgeable, efficient and diligent.

While we agree that the provision of financing to cover staff training would indeed be desir-

able, we also feel confident that the nursing staff and the medical staff are, in accordance with their own personal responsibilities, maintaining the satisfactory quality of patient care that the public has a right to expect.

Dr. David G.S. Reid
Dr. Douglas B. Reid
Dr. John Bosomworth

Ontario reader likes the Leader

Dear Editor;

Having lived so far from Princeton for years, I was delighted to receive several editions of Similkameen News Leader in my mail box recently.

I recognize a few faces in the paper. Sarah Johnson, of course (see you in July), Lori and Jack Thomas, Shelby Smith and Tina Costa (she looks just like her mom).

It is great to have a newspaper that allows you to read about the people you used to know and to discover what is happening in the community you long ago belonged to.

If the publisher will allow this, I would like to say a big "hello" to

those of you who haven't heard from me for awhile, and 'Scrinch', I would shop at Garden Pride anytime, you've got great prices.

I would like to thank Mom for the subscription to The Similkameen News Leader, and congratulate her, Lori, Franco and Sharon on what looks like a

very professional community newspaper. Mark and I wish you much success in the future.

Scott and Eliza (the publisher's grandchildren) said, "Way cool, Gran!"

Sincerely,

Liz Henderson,
Mississauga, Ontario.

EDITORIAL GUIDE

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Vermilion Forks team members from left to right: Reid Bicknell, Mike McLeod, Bill Everitt, Morgan Desabrais, Nathan Howe and Samantha Bertucci.

Children's Odyssey of the Mind from page 5

have accomplished both individually and as a team.

The Vermilion Forks team members are Samantha Bertucci, Bill Everitt, Reid Bicknell, Mike McLeod, Nathan Howe and Morgan Desabrais. Vermilion students selected Pageant Wagon as their longterm project. They were required to design and build a tow vehicle and pageant wagon, and to present a festive performance that included a grand finale. The students came up with a plan for

their vehicles, and then travelled to Princeton Wood Preservers on three separate occasions to look for materials, select what they needed, and finally, under the supervision of Mr. Bill Everitt and Mr. Don McLeod, to build their tow vehicle and pageant wagon. They made costumes and props, and wrote a script which included three songs.

Their story was about a greedy leprechaun who steals gold from three miners and then asks them to solve riddles to get their gold

back. Eventually they get it back, and then allow him to join them if he promises to behave, which of course he does. All their hard work and creativity paid off, with them placing first in their category in this regional competition!

The next step for the Vermilion team is the Provincial competition which is being held in Kamloops on April 18. From there, the winners proceed to the World Competition which is being held in Florida in May.

Guitar Trio will be Grand Finale

On Sunday, March 29, the Canadian Guitar Trio will present an afternoon concert in the Christian Education Building. This is the final concert sponsored by Princeton Concert Society for the 1997/98 season.

The trio includes well-known guitar virtuosi Hanh Nguyen and Zach Westfall. It is led by founding member Harold Micay, who

has given concerts throughout Europe, Israel, and the United States, as well as soloist with orchestras across Canada. Hanh began studying guitar at age nine in Saigon, Viet Nam. She is on the faculty of the Vancouver Academy of Music. Zach studied with Christopher Parkening and John Williams, and is a much sought after performer and teacher in the Vancouver area.

The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. and will include solo and duo performances. Expect dazzling entertainment with works from Vivaldi, Scarlatti, Mozart, de

Falla and other composers.

Princeton Concert Society is able to bring well-known musicians to Princeton through the sale of season's tickets covering three concerts. The commitment allows the Society to negotiate a favourable contract with the agent.

The annual general meeting of the society will be held March 11, 7 p.m., in the museum basement. It will be an important meeting, where members will decide whether to commit to a concert season next year. The meeting is open to the community. For further information call 295-6778.



Canadian Guitar Trio

Medallist has two local ties

The News Leader has learned that Olympic gold medallist Ross Rebagliati has more than one connection with Princeton. In addition to his uncle, Doug Rebagliati living here, the man who coaches Rebagliati is Bobby Allison, son of Ron and Shirley Allison, of the Princeton Allison family. It's a small world.

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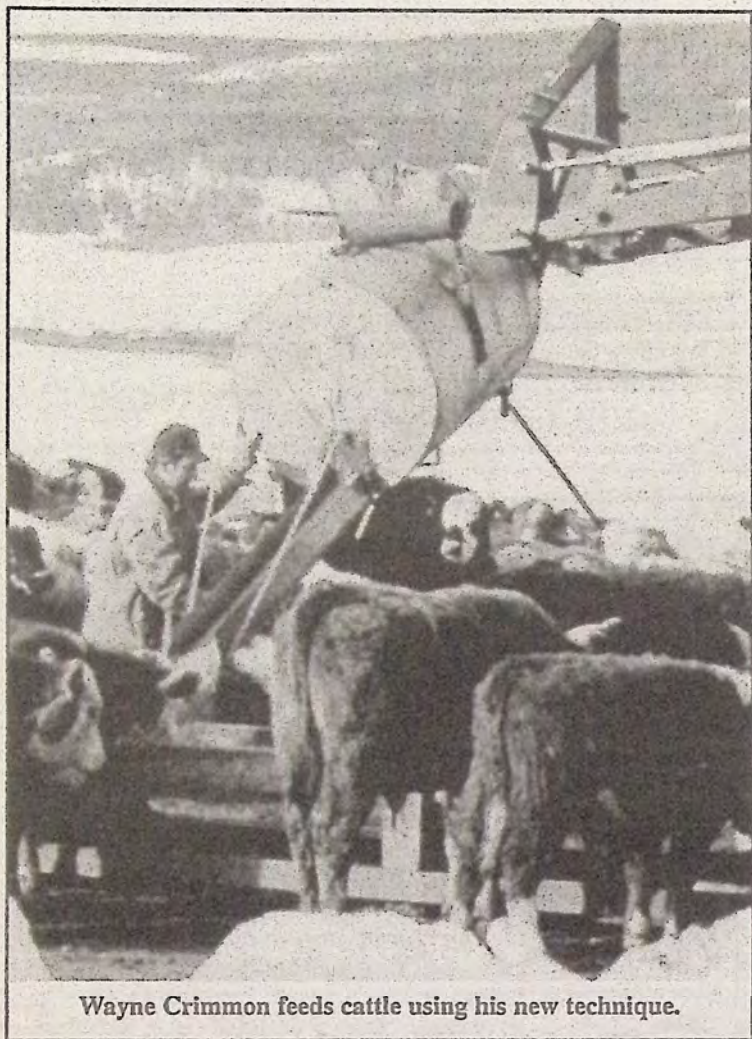
A better way to feed cattle

by Patti Harrower
Hwy.40 reporter

Wayne Crimmon of Jura Ranch has recently implemented a new overwintering technique for the ranch feed lots. Fitting a tractor with spare parts found on the ranch, he and Foreman Reese Slavictoire have put together a grain dispensing machine.

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Wayne Crimmon feeds cattle using his new technique.

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1998 coverage is automatic for farmers who have already bought any level of crop insurance for 1998. Information will be sent

automatically. 1998 coverage is still available to farmers who have missed this year's deadline to buy crop insurance for perennial crops if they complete a whole farm application by April 30, and commit to buying crop insurance for 1999. Coverage is for forage-spring plantings, strawberry crop, grain and vegetables.

June 30 is the deadline for making a claim for 1997 income reductions based on 1997 income

tax information.

For further information, call 1-888-576-3276 or any B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food office.

A public information meeting will be held in Penticton on March 17, at the Clarion Lakeside, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	WTVS (6)	WDIV (7)	WTOL (8)	A&E (9)	WXYZ (10)	BCTV (11)	CITV (12)	TLC (14)	YTV (18)	TSN (19)	CHCH (22)	DISC (24)	FOX (25)	FAM (26)	CITY (29)	WGN (32)
6 AM	Little House	(Off Air)	Open Learning	Sesame Street	Maury	Medicine Woman	McCloud	Regis & Kathie	(5:30) News	(5:00) News	Big Garage	Maya-Bee	Sportsdesk	The View	Bay, 2000	Love Boat	Busy World	Maury	BugsDuffy
7 AM	Mama	Body	Dudley	Barney & Friends	Montel Williams	Little House		Martha	(7:10) Canada AM		Pappyland	Rupert	Curling: La-batt Brier	Rosie O'Donnell	Foodstuff	Paid Prog.	Chip-Dale	Cityline	PinkyBrain
8 AM	Hillbillies	Care Bears	Wishbone	Friends	Mr Rogers	Price is Right	Quincy	People's Court	(Joined in Progress)	100 Huntley	David	Ghoststrs	Travelers	Price is Right	Homeworks	Pictionary	Quack	Ziggy	Griffith
9 AM	Mallouk (In Stereo)	100 Huntley	Kitty Cats	Tots TV	Jeopardy!	Young-Resless	Northern	News	Regis & Kathie	Dinner	Work In Progress	Ballooner	News	Discover-ya (R)	Judge Judy	Wonderland	News	Geraldo	Riversa
10 AM	Movie: "Escape From Fort Bravo"	Street	Salut	Sesame Street	Days of Our Lives	Bold & B.	McCloud	Law & Order	All My Children	Movie Show	Onelnde	Bananas	World Wrestling	Neon Rider	House-smarti (R)	Gayle King	Chip-Dale	Movie: "Eye of the Needle" (1981)	Empty Nest
11 AM	Fort Bravo	Young-Resless	Earth	Barney & Friends	Another World	As World Turns	McCloud	One Life to Live	Travel Coach	News	Intimate	Dudley	Curling: La-batt Brier	As World Turns	Country	H. Patrol	Torkelsons	Movie: "Room Service" (1938)	Beauty and the Beast
12 PM	Flintstones	All My Children	Math Shop	Arthur	Sally	Guiding Light	Banacek	Hospital	General	News	Wedding	Menace	People's Court	Divine	Metallix	Movie: "Room Service" (1938)	MovieTV	Cityline (R)	Beverly Hills, 90210
1 PM	Looney Dreams	News	Canadian	Sandiego	Jerry Springer (R)	Oprah Winfrey		Oprah Winfrey	Another World	Hospital	Hometime	Take Part	Movie Show	Behaving	Rangers	Life-Louis	Mouseter	Keenon	Fam. Mat.
2 PM	Saved-Bell	WonderYr	Science	Creatures	News	News	Quincy	News	Bold & B.	Mad-You	Hometime	Station	Extra	Travelers	Beverly Hills, 90210	Tale Spin	Keenon	Fam. Mat.	
3 PM	Fam. Mat.	BugsDuffy	Science	News-Lehrer	News	News	Northern	News	Videos	O'Donnell	Renovation	Garfield	Off-Record	News	LetFrontier	Hollywood	Movie: "The DuckTales"	News	Saved-Bell
4 PM	(4:05) Sen-for PGA	Rosie O'Donnell	Escapes	Live From New York City	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Law & Order	ABC News	Oprah Winfrey	News	Home Again	Bugs	Hockey	Wings	Discover-ya (R)	Simpsons	Aladdin	Sinfeld	Coach
5 PM	Golf: Senior Slam	News	French	City	Mad-You	Young-Resless	Biography: Alan Alda	Home Imp.	News	News	Trauma: Life	Rugrats	Curling: La-batt Brier	HouseRul	Kingdoms	Movie: "The Quick and the Dead"	SpaceCase	Entertainment	"Runaway Train" Jon Voight
6 PM	(Same-day Tape)	Friends	At the Edge of Conquest	Evening With Anne Murray	Fraser	Mis USA	Pageant (In Stereo)	Movie: "Datzel and Pascoe: Exit Lines"	Home Imp.	Chicago	Secret	Mummies	Prey "Infiltration"	Terra X	Movie	"Mary Poppins" (1964)	FashionTV	News	Beverly Hills, 90210
7 PM		Home Imp.	B.C. Yachts and Yards	Murray	Dateline (In Stereo)	Stereo Live	Exit Lines	NYPD Blue	Fortune	Something	Trauma	My Home	Sleepwalkers	Pin-Up Girls	Xena: Warrior	Julie Andrews	Movie: "The Apple Dumpling Gang"	Movie: "10"	Simon & Simon
8 PM	(8:05) Movie: "The Devil's Brigade"	Market Pl.	Decade-Cars	Live From New York City	News	News	Law & Order	News	Spin City	NYPD Blue	Trauma: Life	Freaky Student	Sportsdesk	News	Discover-ya (R)	Keenon	Movie: "The Apple Dumpling Gang"	Movie: "10"	
9 PM	Devil's Brigade (1968)	Fifth Estate	Cars	City	(8:35) Tonight Show	(9:37) Jenny Jones	Biography: Alan Alda	Am.Journal	Just Shoot	3rd Rock	World	Breaker	NHL Shots	Wings	of Survival	Paid Prog.	Gang	Movie: "The Apple Dumpling Gang"	Movie: "10"
10 PM	Drama: William Holden	CBC News	Ultimate SportsCar	With Anne Murray	Paid Prog.	(10:37) Late Show	Movie: "Datzel and Pascoe: Exit Lines"	Politically Correct	W Five (In Stereo)	Sprits Nite	Trauma	Trainer "A You Weight"	World Cup Skiing (R)	Sprint	Movie	H. Patrol	Male Animal" (1942)	Moore	Paid Prog.
11 PM	(10:55) Movie	News	Mark and Image	Ipi Ntombi	(11:07) Late Night	America's Store	Exit Lines	Closer Look	News-Sport	Murphy	Home Again	Never Work	Sportsdesk	Northern	Pin-Up Girls	Martha	(Off Air)	Baywatch	Paid Prog.

TUESDAY

MARCH 10, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) *** 1/2 "Escape From Fort Bravo" (1953, Western) William Holden. Confederate sympathizers find themselves surrounded by hostile Indians after rescuing prisoners from a Union fort.

CITY (2) *** "Eye of the Needle" (1981, Suspense) Donald Sutherland. A Nazi spy temporarily detained on a remote Scottish island enters into an affair with a lonely woman.

12:00 pm FAM (2) *** "Room Service" (1938, Comedy) The Marx Brothers. Penniless entertainers try to stay in a hotel for free by convincing the management they have the measles.

3:00 pm FAM (2) *** "DuckTales the Movie - Treasure of the Lost Lamp" (1990, Fantasy) Voices of Alan Young. Animated. An evil shape-shifting sorcerer turns a town topsy-turvy when he comes to retrieve a magical lamp. (In Stereo)

5:00 pm FOX (2) *** 1/2 "The Quick and the Dead" (1995, Western) Sharon Stone. A drifter with a haunted past pits her gunslung skills against a townful of quick-drawing mercenaries. (In Stereo)

WGN (2) *** 1/2 "Runaway Train" (1985, Suspense) Jon Voight. Two convicts escape from an Alaskan prison only to find themselves trapped on a brakeless train headed for disaster.

6:00 pm A&E (2) "Datzel and Pascoe: Exit Lines" (1997, Mystery) Warren Clarke. After Detective Datzel is accused of a crime and suspended from the force, Inspector Pascoe searches for the truth.

FAM (2) *** "Mary Poppins" (1964, Fantasy) Julie Andrews. Five Academy Awards went to this Disney classic about a magical nanny who breathes new life into a stuffy household.

8:05 pm WTBS (3) *** 1/2 "The Devil's Brigade" (1968, Drama) William Holden. A fact-based account of the exploits of a World War II unit composed of outcast Americans and disciplined Canadians.

8:30 pm FAM (2) *** "The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again" (1979, Comedy) Tim Conway. Confusion abounds when two bumbling outlaws are mistakenly identified as bank-robbing desperadoes.

9:05 pm CITY (2) *** "10" (1979, Comedy) Dudley Moore. A composer facing a midlife crisis follows his dream woman from her Beverly Hills wedding to her Mexican honeymoon.

10:00 pm A&E (2) "Datzel and Pascoe: Exit Lines" (1997, Mystery) Warren Clarke. After Detective Datzel is accused of a crime and suspended from the force, Inspector Pascoe searches for the truth.

FAM (2) *** "The Male Animal" (1942, Comedy) Henry Fonda. A professor's crusade for academic freedom overshadows the fact that his wife is falling for an old flame.

10:55 pm WTBS (3) *** 1/2 "Platoon Leader" (1988, Adventure) Michael Dudikoff. An American lieutenant leads a small band of soldiers into the Vietnamese jungle on a relentless search for enemy forces.

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Wednesday

MARCH 11, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) *** "Last Train From Gun Hill" (1959, Western) Kirk Douglas. A lawman faces an uphill battle in his quest to bring to justice the man who raped and murdered his wife.

BCTV (11) ** "The Next Karate Kid" (1994, Drama) Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. Martial arts master Miyagi has an uphill battle on his hands when he takes a troubled girl as his latest apprentice.

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Thursday

MARCH 12, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) ** "Rooster Cogburn" (1975, Western) John Wayne. A spinster with a grudge insists on joining a crochety marshal in his attempts to track down a gang of desperadoes.

8:35 pm FAM (26) *** "Derby O'Gill and the Little People" (1959, Fantasy) Albert Sharpe. An old Irish caretaker captures the king of the leprechauns and forces him to grant three wishes.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1998

Main TV schedule table for Friday, March 13, 1998. Columns represent channels from WTBS to WGN. Rows represent time slots from 6 AM to 11 PM. Each cell contains the channel name and program title.

Friday

Saturday

MARCH 14, 1998

MARCH 13, 1998

10:00 am WTBS *** "Geronimo" (1952, Western) Chuck Connors. The story of the legendary Apache leader who waged a long and personal war against the U.S. government.

8:00 pm FAM *** "Stanley's Dragon" (1995, Fantasy) Judd Trichter. A college student and a journalist friend fail in their attempt to keep a rapidly growing dragon hatchling a secret. (In Stereo) [D]

8:00 am FAM *** "D2: The Mighty Ducks" (1994, Comedy) Emilio Estevez. The young hockey players and their coach face still opposition from the Icelandic team in the Junior Goodwill Games. (In Stereo) [D]

CITY *** "Body Snatchers" (1993, Science Fiction) Gabriel Byrne. A teen confronts an invading army of pod people on an Alabama military base in this remake of the 1956 classic.

WGN *** "Days of Thunder" (1990, Drama) Tom Cruise. A hotshot rookie stock-car driver gets his sights on the professional NASCAR circuit and the prestigious Daytona 500.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1998

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1998

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, WTVS, WDIV, WTOL, A&E, WXYZ, BCTV, CITV, TLC, YTV, TSN, CHCH, DISC, FOX, FAM, CITY, WGN) and 24 rows of program listings for Sunday, March 15, 1998.

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 1998

6:00 am WTVS (6) *** "That's Entertainment, Part 2" (1976, Musical) Fred Astaire
7:35 am WTBS (3) **** "Jaws" (1975 Horror) Roy Scheider.
9:00 am A&E (9) ** 1/2 "Gotti" (1996, Drama) Armand Assante.
10:00 am WGN (2) ** "Perry Mason: The Case of the Avenging Ace" (1989, Mystery) Raymond Burr.
10:10 am WTBS (3) **** "On Golden Pond" (1981, Drama) Katharine Hepburn.
12:00 pm FAM (2) ** "The Adventures of Huck Finn" (1993, Adventure) Elijah Wood.
12:35 pm WTBS (3) **** "The Verdict" (1982, Drama) Paul Newman.
2:00 pm YTV (18) **** "Some Like It Hot" (1959, Comedy) Jack Lemmon.

WGN (2) ** 1/2 "Perry Mason: The Case of the Lost Love" (1987, Mystery) Raymond Burr.
3:00 pm CITV (12) ** "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie" (1995, Adventure) David Yost.
4:00 pm WXYZ (10) "Mr. Headmistress" (1999, Comedy) Harland Williams.
5:00 pm CHBC (4) "Mr. Headmistress" (1999, Comedy) Harland Williams.
5:30 pm WDIV (7) CITY (5) *** "The Client" (1994, Suspense) Susan Sarandon.
6:00 pm WTBS (3) **** "Tootsie" (1992, Comedy) Dustin Hoffman.
10:00 pm WTBS (3) **** "The Bridge on the River Kwai" (1957, Drama) William Holden.

WXYZ (10) ** 1/2 "Waterworld" (1995, Science Fiction) (Part 1 of 2) Kevin Costner.
CHCH (2) ** 1/2 "Separated by Murder" (1994, Drama) Sharon Gless.
FAM (2) ** 1/2 "Nightjohn" (1996, Drama) Carl Lumbly.
8:00 pm FAM (2) ** "Double Switch" (1987, Comedy) George Newbern.
9:00 pm BCTV (11) "A Father for Brittany" (1998, Drama) Andrew McCarthy.
10:00 pm FAM (2) *** "The Mouse That Roared" (1959, Comedy) Peter Sellers.
10:30 pm FOX (8) ** 1/2 "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994, Comedy) Keenen Ivory Wayans.
10:40 pm WTBS (3) **** "The Bridge on the River Kwai" (1957, Drama) William Holden.

MONDAY MARCH 16, 1998

10:00 am WTBS (3) *** "Sands of Iwo Jima" (1949, Adventure) John Wayne.
CITY (2) ** 1/2 "That Touch of Mink" (1982, Comedy) Cary Grant.
12:00 pm FAM (2) *** "Wonder Man" (1945, Comedy) Danny Kaye.
1:30 pm YTV (18) ** 1/2 "The Land Before Time" (1988, Adventure) Voices of Pat Hingle.
5:05 pm WTBS (3) *** "Steel Magnolias" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Sally Field.
6:00 pm FAM (2) *** "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" (1993, Adventure) Robert Hays.
7:40 pm WTBS (3) ** 1/2 "Coal Miner's Daughter" (1980, Biography) Sissy Spacek.

8:00 pm FAM (2) *** "Candlefoot" (1977, Comedy) Jodie Foster.
9:05 pm CITY (2) *** "The Elger Sanction" (1975, Suspense) Clint Eastwood.
10:00 pm FAM (2) ** "The Whole Town's Talking" (1935, Comedy) Edward G. Robinson.
10:15 pm WTBS (3) **** "Deliverance" (1972, Drama) Burt Reynolds.
11:45 pm CITY (2) *** "The Green Berets" (1968, Drama) John Wayne.

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These tiny Highland Dancers were a hit at the Senior Citizens spaghetti dinner.

Young dancers delight seniors

by Monty Raine

On March 1, after a nice spaghetti supper at Senior Citizens Branch 30 hall, the Princeton Highland Dancers put on a sterling performance.

Dancing to the lone piper, Glen Esdale, the twenty dancers, aged five to twelve years old, performed more than a dozen numbers. Teacher Janet Banks

arranged a wide variety of dances that included a Fling, Sword Dance, Jig and a cute number called Animal Crackers, done by four of the youngest dancers.

The talented, colourful groups received the applause they deserved from Seniors members and parents alike.

Upcoming events include a cribbage and whist card party.

Admission includes lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend on Saturday afternoon (March 14). The following day, Seniors will host a pancake breakfast for St. Patrick's Day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On March 17 there will be a Surprise! Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Editor's note: What kind of surprise? Is it on the menu, or what?)

Manion praises Edson, Alberta

Councillor Jim Manion is impressed with the community spirit of Edson, Alberta.

"They seem to know what it takes for a community to market itself," Manion says.

Manion travelled to Edson on the February 21 weekend for a SnoCross competition featuring local snowmobile racers. Signs in shops around town welcomed SnoCross competitors, but the thing that impressed Manion most of all was the community effort made to make the races happen.

Edson did not have enough snow to cover the snowmobile race-track, so the town snowblower went out and blew snow from two sections of land. Local truck owners carried 500 loads of snow to the track, where it was spread on the track. The work was done by volunteers, the trucks were donated, and some people took a week off to make it happen.

"I find it overwhelming for a community to go ahead like that," Manion said, "They didn't let the problem stand in their way."

In talking to people in the community, Manion learned that 300 slopitch teams come for a major tournament. The extra 8,500 peo-

ple for three days almost doubles the town's population. Over the years, the town had built 28 ball diamonds. In addition, the town has a big tent that any group can use for an event.

Manion observed many young business people in the communi-

ty, and drew the conclusion that it is the younger businessmen who provide the energy behind the town's promotional efforts.

"It shows what you can do," Manion says, "They don't have near what we have to offer."

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MOM'S OLD ROBE

by Patty-Ann Peal

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Joshua talked to his dad. "I don't know what to get Mom for her birthday," he said. "Do you have any ideas?"

"I'm having trouble thinking of something too," said Dad. "Why don't we ask your mother if there is anything she would like?"

Joshua and his dad went into the kitchen just in time to hear Mom say to herself, "My robe is so faded. If it weren't so comfortable, I would get a new one."

"Do you want a new robe, mom?" asked Joshua

"No dear," said Mom. "A new one just wouldn't feel the same."

Joshua had an idea. He would give his mom a new look for her old robe!

That afternoon Joshua went shopping. He went to the fabric store and bought several pieces of cloth with colorful designs. Next, he chose a bright green fabric dye.

Joshua worked hard for the next few days. He cut pieces of fabric into different shapes and sizes. He used needle and thread to sew some of the pieces together. Finally, he had the fabric ready.

All Joshua needed now was Mom's old robe. But how could he get it without spoiling his surprise? "I know! I'll ask Dad to

help," he thought. "Maybe he and Mom could play a game at the kitchen table for a while. Then I could get Mom's robe without letting her know."

Joshua's dad agreed to help. In no time, he and Mom were busy playing Scrabble in the kitchen.

Soon Joshua had finished with the dye, and the faded robe was now a bright green. Next he took the fabric pieces he had worked on all week. He sewed some pieces onto the sleeves and elbows of Mom's robe. He sewed some onto the pockets. He sewed some around the bottom of the robe. Joshua even made a bright new belt from the fabric pieces he had left. Before too long, Mom's old robe looked like new. Joshua had finished his work just in time. Tomorrow was Mom's birthday.

In the morning, Joshua knocked on his parents' bedroom door. "Come in," said Dad.

When Joshua opened the door, Mom was looking everywhere for her robe. "Where is it?" she asked. "I can't find it anywhere!"

Joshua grinned. "Here it is," he said. "I hope you like it. I, uh, brightened it up a bit. Happy Birthday, Mom."

"It isn't faded anymore," said Mom, as she put on her newly decorated robe. "It is beautiful! What a perfect birthday present!"



Danielle Hilton studied rabbits for the John Allison Elementary Science Fair. Above she shows some of the records of two rabbits while her fuzzy lop rabbit looks at the world outside its cage.

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Huey says some people are unsure about what to send. The group wants to know about parents, grandparents names, when they moved here, where they came from and why, marriages, births and deaths, where the family lived and worked, schools attended, anecdotes and memories, and photos for reproduction.

For more information, contact Huey at 295-3751, or write to her at RR#1, Site 25, Comp 4, Princeton, VOX 1W0.

Other members of the group are Helen Coyle, Ev McCallum, Annarose Powell, and Dawn Johnson.

Movie talks about choices

Peer pressure..... The need to belong..... Choices.

The Home Coming, a brand-new dramatic movie from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, speaks to everyone who's had to struggle with peer pressure, belonging and making the right choices... in other words, all of us.

Pastor Max de Beeson and the congregation of the Baptist Church of Princeton, would like you to attend their showing of this outstanding new film on Saturday, March 14, at 7:45 p.m. at the Baptist Church, across from

the arena.

The movie is about Jordy Rembrandt, played by Jeremy Peter Johnson. Jordy is a big-city tough guy who is faced with choices when a judge sends him away from the city. Jordy finds himself in a small-town high school. He looks and feels out of place. He is befriended by Wally and Pam, and the friendship eventually teaches Jordy what it means to be a friend and to belong. Pam and Wally have to make choices, too.

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B.C. uses Internet most

An Internet survey shows more than half of B.C. residents have used the Internet and over two-thirds use a computer. The survey was conducted in December 1997 by Angus Reid for the Minister's Advisory Council on Information Technology. The purpose was to discover who was accessing the Internet.

Two-fifths of respondents say they would likely use the Internet

to access personal information on-line, submit their taxes, and apply for permits. The majority of current Internet users would also likely use the Internet to vote in a provincial election and complete government forms.

Persons most likely to use the Internet are employed, have some post-secondary education, and live in an urban area.



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BIRTHDAYS



40 AND NAUGHTY GUESS WHO!!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Princeton Figure Skaters, Canskate, Kidskate, and Guest Skaters from the Okanagan Region Training Centre for their outstanding and entertaining performances at Friday nights "Skate 98". Congratulations also to Princeton Club Coach Patti Wilson & the Club Executive for all their hard work and devotion. The Similkameen News Leader.

APPRECIATION

Thanks to Bill Kassa & Kassa Services, Ewarts, Stedmans V&S, Princeton Sports, Golden Hills, Princeton Fish and Game, Princeton Bowling Centre, and especially ARGO for helping make our Fishing Derby a Big Success! Otter Valley Fish & Game Club.

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THE SIMILKAMEEN NEWS LEADER



Amber Ski Hill on March 4, 1945 left to right: Billy Irwin, Wally Paul, ?, wearing glasses Glen Allin, Naomi Ray, ?, ?, and front, Dudley Paul. Can anyone fill in the blanks?
Photo courtesy of Molly Broderick.

Princeton girls earn respect

Mac Lind Logging Senior Girls hockey team competed in their playoffs the March 1 weekend in Kamloops. Teams were from Armstrong, Summerland, Penticton and Kamloops (4). Princeton's opponents in the round robin were Armstrong and Kamloops teams.

In every game they played, the girls were an excellent example of what is involved in being part of a team. They were good sports, cheering loudly when scoring and rallying when being scored on.

With the exception of the first game, all of Princeton's matches were one goal games. Mac Lind

Logging did not make any wins over the weekend, but the players' parents were very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship. Two games out of the four were penalty-free.

This was the last season for Hannah Clarke, Courtney Lind and Allison McDonald. They will be graduating this year. The team wishes them good luck with their future plans.

The team players and parents were very appreciative of the efforts of Rosemary Clarke, Peter McDonald and Len Liberatore in coaching the girls this year.

Weekend scoring statistics: Sarah

Liberatore - 1 goal, 2 assists; Ashley Aitchison and Janine LeMotte - 1 goal, 1 assist each; Colby Logan and Danielle Naylor - 1 goal each; Hannah Clarke, Tyme Hennenfent and Allison McDonald - 1 assist each. Netminder Lisa Panchenko - 3.25 goals against and an 86% save ratio.

B.C. buys Empire Ranch

The provincial government has bought Empire Valley Ranch for \$2.8 million and a land and timber exchange for property north of Ft. S. John. The 11,332 hectare property is located in the middle of the Churn Creek protected area southwest of 100 Mile House. The entire area now totals 36,100 hectares.

Bordering the Fraser River, Churn Creek was considered a vital component for rare grass-

land protection, an ecosystem rapidly disappearing in North America. Churn creek provides grassland habitat for vulnerable and threatened species including spotted bats, long-billed curlews and California bighorn sheep. The rare bunchgrass ecosystem is a mixture of northern and southern plant species including bluebunch wheatgrass, junegrass, big sagebrush and prickly pear cactus.

New soccer season starts

Princeton Youth Soccer started the season on March 5 with an excellent turnout. It is being held indoors at Princeton Secondary School gym until the soccer fields are ready.

No teams have been formed at this point. Youngsters are learning some techniques, practicing, exercise and fitness.

A number of local people have volunteered to coach. Rates are very reasonable, and there is room for more participants.

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Under the general guidance, and reporting to the Chairperson, of the Board of Directors of the P&DCSC is responsible for:

- managing the day to day activities of the P&DCSC;
- overseeing the budget;
- guiding, developing and evaluating the personnel;
- maintaining facilities and equipment;
- promoting the P&DCSC;
- developing programs and projects;
- liaison with other Community Skills Centres, the Community Skills Centre Consortium of B.C., and Provincial and Federal Agencies; and
- performing any other activities to achieve the objectives of the P&DCSC.

Salary Range: \$45,000-\$55,000 depending upon experience plus Benefit package. This is a Contract position.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of Princeton & District
- Proven supervisory and managerial experience and skills
- Knowledge of Community Skills Centre concept
- Experience in adult education/learning environment
- Post Secondary School education preferable
- Excellent communications and team building skills.

Apply in confidence to the Chairperson, Princeton & District Community Skills Centre, PO Box 69, 206 Vermilion Ave., Princeton, BC V0X 1W0 or Fax (250)295-4052. Applications must be received by Monday, March 16, 1998.

Pony Express: From the eyes of a rider

The day has arrived - the annual Pony Express Ride from Tonasket, Washington to Princeton, British Columbia.

Now, where is my list of things I need today: I have to get my two horses loaded, get them down to town. My saddle, head stall, halter, saddle blankets, saddle bags.... I am going to forget something! At least both horses are mine. Some of the other guys have to run around and pick up a horse here and a horse there.

Breakfast at 5:00 a.m. Not really hungry this morning. Probably it's the nerves. Has not a thing to do with the visiting last night. What time was it anyway, 4:00 a.m., when I lay on the bed to get an hour of sleep?

Sure hope my hoses stay calm today. We ask a lot of them what with all the activity getting ready in the morning, running down the highway, passing the mail to horses they don't know, all that loading and unloading from the horse trailer. Relax. You know the horses can sense something is going on.

What a gang at the send-off from the Tonasket Post Office: flags, riders, trailers, dignitaries. Went smooth, but the Tonasket Comancheros Rodeo Club, the organizers on the U.S. side, are the best.

I am carrying the mail for the first one-mile leg. My horse is real frisky in the cool of the morning. Halfway up the hill out of town, I feel him calm a bit. He remembers this part.

There's my exchange. The rider is having a bit of trouble keeping his horse calm.... "Hi, Bert". Made the switch of the saddlebag with the mail. Now into my horse trailer.

"Hi guys, that went okay, let's get on down to the next mile and pick up Bert."

And so it goes for the ten relay riders and the twenty or so miles to Loomis, Washington. I am unloaded a short mile before that fine little community.

"Hello, girls, you sure look fine carrying the flags of our two great nations."

What a nice escort into town. Here comes the mail. An easy lope into town and a real country

welcome... the whole community must have turned out.

The smell of a country breakfast.... hotcakes, eggs, orange juice, coffee....mmmmmm!

That was a quick visit. Time to get the mail to the border crossing at Nighthawk. I wonder where the Indians are waiting to ambush us today. Sure hope it is not when I am running my horse along this back highway. Well, he has some speed. We'll give them a run!



Outlaw "Bertie the Kid",
terror of the Pony Express.

The ambush! There comes Bertie and the gang, out of the orchard....there must be ten of them! Come on paint horse, time for a real run. Made it, but that was close. Fooled 'em with that shortcut through the farmer's yard. Better luck next time, you bandits!

I think it was back in the first year or two of the ride when they "captured" old Smudge. They offered him and the mail in exchange for ten young maidens from the town. Told them: "Keep him, he's not worth that much!"

A year or so later, the ambush happened up in Canada. Those painted up Indian ponies know how to run. They're some riders, bareback and all! Recall they got the mail that year, too.

My next leg is in to the border crossing. Never ceases to surprise.... the longest undefended border in the world and here we are at the crossing. Bet there are two hundred people! The old Welby Stagecoach from Princeton is being used as a podium. There's old Randy climbing up to do his master of ceremonies thing.

I spot Pinky Foster and a few others you don't see but once or twice a year. Nice visiting.

The Senator and the Governor are here. So is our Member of Parliament. There's Gloria, past Mayor of Princeton. She helped make the "sister towns" of Tonasket and Princeton. A real spirit of international friendship is happening. Sure is nice to see.

Time to pass the mail, exchange the flags, bring my rigging for the horse I am going to ride on the Canadian side, and get saddled up. Now this is a new pony this year. Well-muscled gelding. Nice to ride a horse that is in shape. Calm, too.

My first leg in Canada is down that hill a couple of miles from the border. We made it safely. Nice of that big trucker rig to slow down when he passed us. Remember a year or so back when that young mare spooked from a passing house trailer. Bernie got past the fall. Lucky it was into a ditch.

Arriving at Cawston, B.C. The post mistress has some helpers to stamp the mail. Nice people, and this year we stay for a little while for a chili and coffee lunch.

On to Keremeos, our next stop. There's cowgirls mounted up, the flags flying, and old Pete has the stagecoach ready to go and lead us into town. Stamping the mail again, and we are off for Hedley, the next post office. It is 1:30 in the afternoon and the mail has traveled 60 miles in an elapsed running time of about one hour and twenty minutes. Not bad.

Whoa, horse! Those yellow lines on the highway are not going to bite you. Those are just painted direction arrows. Why didn't you tell me you were going to jump all six of them! I was almost unseated onto the pavement. Traffic is picking up and this section has some real narrow spots. You guys running the pilot car, the escort by the RCMP, and the follow up vehicles are sure doing a good job of protecting the horses and riders.

Always a nice reception in

Hedley. Boy, has that place ever got some history. Must have been quite a spot when they had those four hotels and a golf course. Gold will do that.

The girls and their horses are loaded back up. We'll see them outside of Princeton. Short run to Stirling Creek bridge and we turn off the highway on to Old Hedley Road. Prettiest spot in the country, riding along by the Similkameen River.

"Hi, folks, nice to see yuh." Nice

how the neighbours come out to wave at the pony express riders.

Here we are on the outskirts of Princeton. Better unload those spare horses, they haven't had a chance to stretch their legs for awhile. Got the gang together? Let's head her on into town and to the Post Office.

There's Betty, to get the mail and put on the Post Office stamp. Sure been nice to have her organize the Post Office end of things over the

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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AMENDMENT TO TIMBER SALE LICENCE A42313 PREVIOUSLY RUN MARCH 3, 1998 PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION TO UPSET STUMPAGE RATE

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the *Forest Act*, sealed tenders will be received by the District Manager, Merritt Forest District, Hwy 5A & Airport Road, Box 4400, Stn. Main, Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8 not later than March 27, 1998 @ 2:00 p.m. for Timber Sale Licence A42313, authorizing the harvest of Spruce Beetle infested timber located in the vicinity of Railroad Creek, Merritt Timber Supply Area.

Tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category 1 or 2, will be accepted.

Volume: 9673 cubic metres (m3), more or less;
Species: Balsam 72%, Spruce 28%, more or less;
Term: 15 months, possible 3 month extension
Upset Stumpage: \$41.96/m3
Billing Method: Scale based
Logging System: Conventional
Logging season: Winter
Access: Tulameen Forest Service Road - Railroad Creek
Forest Service Road

The successful applicant will be required to enter into a Road Use Agreement with Tolko Industries Ltd. for the use of the Tulameen Forest Service Road. Also, the successful applicant will be the primary user of the Railroad Creek Forest Service Road.

Sealed tenders will be opened at Merritt Forest District Office, @ 2:01 p.m. on March 27, 1998.

Tender packages and additional information may be obtained from: Merritt Forest District, Hwy 5A & Airport Road, Box 4400, Stn. Main, Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8, (250) 378-8400 or the Princeton Field Office, 151 Vermillion Street, Box 818, Princeton B.C. V0X 1W0.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC VIEWING OF THE ACCESS MANAGEMENT MAPS FOR THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TULAMEEN RIVER WATERSHED

Tolko Industries Ltd., Nicola Valley Division advises that preliminary Access Management Maps for the northwest portion of the Tulameen River watershed are available for public viewing. The objective of the Access Management Maps is to identify current and future road access requirements for roads on Crown lands within the northwest portion of the Tulameen Watershed.

These maps could have an impact on users of the watersheds since they deal with the maintenance or proposed deactivation of existing and proposed roads within Crown land.

Copies of the Access Management Maps will be available for review on March 13, 16, 17 1998, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at:

Ministry of Forests, Merritt Forest District Office
Highway 5a and Airport Road
Merritt, B.C. (250) 378-8400

and on March 18, 19, 20 1998 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at:

Ministry of Forests, Merritt Forest District
Princeton Field Office
151 Vermillion Ave.
Princeton, BC 1-800-665-1511

The Access Management Maps are one phase of the Forest Renewal BC Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP). The WRP has been designed to accelerate the recovery of watersheds that may have been affected by past forest development. The primary goal of the WRP is to restore, protect, and maintain the fisheries, water and forest resources.

Funding for this project is provided by Forest Renewal B.C.

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PROPOSED RANGE USE PLANS

Notice is hereby given that Willis Hay Sales Ltd., within the Merritt Forest District, will make available for public viewing a proposed range use plan for the area located in the vicinity of Christina Creek, Dilliard Creek & Siwash Creek.

The proposed plan contains the location of the grazing area, proposed levels of use, grazing schedules that detail livestock number, nature and duration of use, location of any proposed range developments and actions required to meet objectives for integrated resource management. The plan is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests.

The proposed range use plans will be made available for public viewing until the 10th of April, 1998 by appointment. Phone (250) 295-6672.

Your written comments must be made to Doug and Debbie Willis at Box 985, Princeton, BC V0X 1W0 by the above-noted date to ensure consideration.

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Tourist picture needs work

Councillor Jim Manion saw a different picture of tourism when he attended a conference in Kelowna on February 25 and 26. He saw B.C.'s second largest industry receiving reduced government funding at a time when marketing is so essential.

The marketing done by the B.C. government focuses on American tourists. The 280 people attending the conference learned that tourists are taking more short trips, taking several trips per year for relaxation or retreat.

There are changes in the way tourists travel when they arrive. Councillor Manion discovered that tour buses were down 50 per cent, with a trend toward couples and families. This means a change in the kind of accommodation required.

"The people in B.C. need to be educated about what various groups want," Manion stated.

Marketing was the hottest issue of the conference.

"Beautiful B.C. is not enough," Manion claims, "You have to market better to compete with other areas of the world."

Premier Glen Clark, new tourism minister Ian Waddell, and Opposition Leader Gordon Campbell attended the conference.

At the March 2 Town Council meeting, Manion told Council, "They said all the right things, but we'll have to wait and see what they do."

The issues taken to government, in addition to marketing, were land use fees, labour legislation, taxation, and transportation infrastructure.

"Governments have to take some leadership and maintain funding," Manion believes, "Tourism generates jobs in big numbers. It can be an interim solution to some of the job creation problems we have now."

Manion sees local issues as the need to have Council, merchants,

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years. Quite a feat, really, when you think of all the detail that has to come into place at exactly the right time to make the ride a success.

Bit tired, but it sure is nice to have a good Princeton welcome. Time to sit back with a cool one.

"Hey Glen, Stan, Bobby, Linda, Mac, Terry, Bert, Jerry, Carol, Pete, Char, and you other guys... we made it!" (and we made some more memories while we were at it).

and everybody "aware of marketing ourselves". Manion sees a need for targeting marketing dollars, as well as a need for SuperHost training for local sales people.

"When you accommodate people well, you get repeat business," Manion said.

The conference talked about the value of having the community on a webpage, as Princeton is doing now.

Manion believes tourism locally could receive a boost. There should be an access from Highway 3 to Princeton Plaza and Dairy Queen, Manion says, if it can be done safely.

Manion believes the Vermilion Avenue "slingshot" should be eliminated, and would like to see straight traffic routes and a 'town square' concept for Cenotaph Park.

"The idea is to get people downtown and parked," Manion states, "People on foot will stop and see everything and they will shop. They may just buy a small gift or something to eat. Free parking is important."

Manion said he would not spearhead action through Council without first hearing an initiative from merchants, but he would like to see some ideas brought forward to promote increased foot traffic in Princeton.

HOROSCOPES

March 10 - 17

ARIES- A nice change for Aries -- fun and romance! Now is the time to change your life for the better. The heavy problems of the past two years are coming to an end!

TAURUS- You feel good but lazy this week. Don't be extravagant. Tougher times are coming later this year. Enjoy visits with friends and family.

GEMINI- You will be tempted to enter a power struggle with those you see as enemies. Be sure this is necessary before you start. You could lose.

CANCER- Life is good. The world's problems do not affect you. Your life is smoothing out and good fortune comes your way.

LEO- Finally! You start feeling good again, and life improves steadily. Energy comes back along with romance. Your burdens are easier to bear.

VIRGO- Relationships are good. Fortunate circumstances come your way. Changes taking place now will transform your life. Go with the new direction.

LIBRA- Tough times, hard work: it will last a bit longer, but don't give up. Make sure partnership matters are secure. Take care of your health.

SCORPIO- You have until the end of June to secure your position, so don't waste your resources. This week, take care of business.

SAGITTARIUS- Your inner transformation gains power. You may suddenly speak out more strongly than you have ever done before. You may shock others, but you will gain respect. Reach for inner power.

CAPRICORN- Good fortune increases weekly. The tough times will be over in three months. Keep plugging away, conserve resources, your hard work will pay off.

AQUARIUS- New energy comes to you, and you start feeling better. You have a new spirit of independence, but keep your feet on the ground. Don't make enemies by pushing.

PISCES- You must learn about using power in relationships. Enemies you created may teach you a lesson this week. Watch your weight, too. Obesity is one of your enemies now.

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Help for rural doctors

The province will expand the northern and rural locum program and introduce more health technology systems for remote and rural communities.

Existing initiatives include a number of measures designed to help northern and isolated doctors. A Northern and Isolation Allowance provides a fee premium of between 6.6 and 20 per cent to approximately 400 physicians who live and work in 88 rural and isolated communities.

Northern and isolated Travel Assistance helps defray travel and accommodation costs for specialists who travel to 25 rural and isolated communities to hold special clinics.

Health Employers of B.C. operate a physician recruitment program to assist rural and remote communities. Since 1966, 43 permanent physicians and 24 locums have been recruited for underserved communities.

A northern and rural locum program, administered by MSP, assists physicians practising in small communities to secure subsidized vacation relief.

Contract Funding is used to provide stable physician incomes (guaranteed minimum income) in some small B.C. communities.

Teleradiology Pilot Project transmits radiological (x-ray) images through telephone lines where they can be reviewed by a radiologist. This project is administered in 11 communities.

UBC Family Practice Rural and Remote Program has developed a decentralized education program in which all family practice residents complete a minimum of one month training and 12 of the 26 second year residents spend nine months of their training in rural and regional locations.

Prince George Teaching Unit offers a two year residency in

family medicine in a northern setting. UBC offers an undergraduate rural practice program offering medical students summer employment as apprentices to rural family physicians.

New Initiatives

The government will expand new technologies, expand the northern and rural locum program to communities with more than three physicians, and establish a physician outreach program to increase the number and type of specialist services the ministry will subsidize, and to fund general practitioners to travel to communities too small to support a doctor.

The government will expand rural training opportunities, establish integrated primary care centers, and establish a remote and rural services desk in the Ministry of Health, as well as an external steering committee to help the ministry implement the new initiatives.

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Auxiliary news

The general meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary was held Wednesday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. with 17 members present.

The Auxiliary has funded the money for a fetal monitor which has been ordered, and are in the process of obtaining two ear thermometers for the hospital.

The Auxiliary and the Museum Society are joining forces on May 8 to have a strawberry tea and fashion show. Tickets will be available for this event in the near future.

If anyone is looking for a very busy and productive group to join, the Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the board room of the hospital. Anyone interested in attending a meeting will be most welcome.

The Auxiliary thrift store can always use clean clothing and household items, books, etc. Items can be dropped off at 251 Vermilion Avenue.

submitted by A. Salter, Hospital Auxiliary publicist.

Rebekah news

Vermilion Rebekah Lodge welcomed two new members at their last meeting. The ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Schuyler Colfax, who was the person who wrote the Rebekah Degree. He chose the name Rebekah after the woman in the Bible whom he so admired. Schuyler Colfax was also a Vice President of the U.S.A. Sister Marie Wellington P.N.G. gave a resume of his life.

Sister Dot Raine will be walking

for wildlife again this year. She and her family enjoyed the challenge last year.

Sister Gerri Blanchette PNG donated a lovely bouquet of carnations which Sister Martha Leland won.

Sister Betty Golovin N.G. won the tea prize and all sisters enjoyed their tea around a table decorated with little "green men", green serviettes and table cloth. submitted by D. Stenvold, p.e.

Dateline Tulameen by Joe Schwarz

Parting can be such sweet sorrow

Now that Premier Clark and his Cabinet visionaries have very successfully guided their policies to our present El Nino economic condition, they have our deepest understanding and our most grateful appreciation should they retire, directing their talents to some other effort and, of course, taking their torch of enlightenment with them.

It is with this charitable and truly considerate act that parting can be such sweet sorrow.

(Editor's note: Joe and his wife, Shirley, have been doing some interesting travelling. They have been to the Kootenays, and most recently to Palm Springs. Can we expect some comparisons between life at Otter Lake and life under the palms?)

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New scam steals young body parts

The following letter comes to us via Internet from Michele Shafer, DML/Lab Admin., Medical Manager R&D, Alachua, Florida 904-462-2148.

Dear Editor:

This story came from the "Daily Texan", the University of Texas newspaper. Apparently the incident occurred during Fall Premier, a UT tradition celebrating the end of midterm exams.

Reason not to Party Anymore
This guy went out last Saturday night to a party. He was having a good time, had a couple of beers, and some girl seemed to like him and invited him to go to another party. He quickly agreed and decided to go along with her. She took him to a party in some apartment and they continued to drink, and even got involved with some other drugs (unknown which). The next thing he knew, he woke up completely naked in a bathtub filled with ice. He was still feeling the effects of the drugs, but looked around to see he was alone. He looked down at his chest, which had "CALL 911 OR YOU WILL DIE" written on it in lipstick. He saw a phone was on

the stand next to the tub, so he picked it up and dialed. He explained to the EMS operator what the situation was, and that he didn't know where he was, what he took or why he was really calling. She advised him to get out of the tub. He did, and she asked him to look himself over in the mirror. He did, and appeared normal, so she asked him to check his back. He did, only to find two 9 inch slits on his lower back. She told him to get back in the tub immediately, and they sent a rescue team to him. Apparently, after being examined, he found out more of what had happened. His kidneys were stolen. They are worth \$10,000 each on the black market.

(I was unaware this existed.)
Several guesses are in order: the second party was a sham, the people involved had to be at least medical students, and it was not just recreational drugs he was given. Regardless, he is currently in the hospital on life support, awaiting a spare kidney. The University of Texas in conjunction with Baylor Medical Center is conducting tissue research to match the student with a donor.

I wish to warn you about a new crime ring that is targeting business travelers. This ring is well-organized, well-funded, has very skilled personnel, and is currently active in Louisiana. The crime begins with a business traveler goes to a lounge for a drink at the end of a work day. A person in the bar walks up and offers to buy a

drink. The last thing the traveler remembers until waking up in a hotel bath tub is sipping that drink. There is a note on the wall advising the person not to move and to call 911. The business traveler calls 911 and the operator, who has become familiar with this crime, instructs the person to feel if there is a tube protruding from the back. If the traveler

answers "yes", paramedics are on their way. The operator knows the traveler's kidneys have been harvested.

This is not a scam or out of science fiction, it is real. My husband is a Houston firefighter and EMT and has received alerts regarding this crime ring. The military has received alerts regarding this crime. I want as many people as possible to see this, so please show it to whoever you can.

Minister orders contract review

Children and Families Minister Lois Boone has ordered a full review of the ministry's contract and program restructuring initiative. Ministry staff have been working with communities for over a year to streamline and integrate the 12,000 contracts inherited from five other ministries.

"As the new minister, I feel this is a good time to get an objective assessment of how the initiative is proceeding," said Boone.

In Princeton, contracts for service are held by Princeton Child Care Services and Princeton Drug and Alcohol Counselling service.

Diane Huey, a director on the boards of both organizations, said, "I don't expect any real change for contractors in Princeton. We each do something

different. In the cities, many organizations have contracts to perform the same kind of service, and I think that's where the government wants to make changes."

Boone has stated that she has made a commitment to finding more efficient ways to deliver services, as she believes "no one ministry can effectively manage more than 12,000 contracts."

The review will be completed by April 30. The findings will be made public. DE Allen Consulting of Victoria has a contract to carry out the review.



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Royalty candidate shares experience

by Trish McElhinney
Leader student reporter

As a Royalty candidate I have already experienced many new and exciting things. I have learned about working as a group to make this year's program the best ever. Together we decide on themes for shows, (for example the talent and fashion show) What kind of dresses we want for our tea dresses and how we want to proceed into this year.

Along with learning about cooperation, we also have our training sessions. These involve different matters from hair care and make-up to table etiquette to self-defense.

Our first training session was a lesson on hair care and make-up. We were taught what kind of shampoos to use and the colors of hair that would suit our skin tone the best. After completing this we moved on to make-up and the different styles for the different time of day. These included all day wear, evening wear and stage make-up. Even though we only practiced one of these styles, (evening wear) booklets were handed out for us to read and learn the other two styles of make-up.

At the second session we learned about table etiquette. What fork to use when, how to hold your knife and fork properly. We were taught

anything we needed to know when it comes to dining at a formal function.

During the second weekend of February our third session was held. This was when we had two hosts from the Valley First Credit Union come and teach us about financial management. It was strongly recommended that we look into RRSPs in the near future. We were given pamphlets, plus a few small gifts.

Our most recent training session involved the construction of posters for our car wash on March 28 at the Princeton Esso and a lesson in self defense. This small seminar was a great help to understand the basic techniques in protecting ourselves when threatened by another human being.

At all of our sessions we have covered a little bit of modeling. We learned about walking in the heels, how to turn and walk properly and the correct way to sit in a dress.

Overall, this year's Royalty is exciting and fun. I can't wait to proceed further into it because I feel this is going to be a great experience that will build a friendship between all of the candidates.

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Bowling League leaders' scores

YBC Smurfs

Boys hi single N. Bertucci 106
Boys hi Avg. N. Bertucci 71
Girls hi single K. Walton 100
Girls hi Avg. B. Clifton 58
Team hi single Rug Rats 430
YBC Bantams
Boys hi single M. McLeod 177
Boys hi triple M. McLeod 394
Boys Hi Avg. C. Robinson 122
Girls hi single R. Kovacs 150
Girls Hi triple R. Kovacs 348
Girls hi Avg. C. Aiken 105
Team hi single Pin Killers 702

Team hi triple Bowling Busters 1981
YBC Juniors
Boys hi single D. Desrochers 183
Boys hi triple D. Desrochers 445
Boys hi Avg. D. Desrochers 157
Girls hi single C. Kovacs 191
Girls hi triple C. Kovacs 508
Girls hi Avg. E. Lewis 162
Team hi single Zombies 865
Team hi triple The Gutters 2543
ADULT LEAGUES
FRIDAY MIXED
Mens hi single K. Elliott 305

Mens hi triple H. Crawford 758
Mens hi Avg. R. White 231
Ladies hi single D. Stadler 202
Ladies hi triple D. Stadler 565
Ladies hi avg. K. Blomme 185
Team Hi single 2 balls 2 short 1277
Team hi triple 2 balls 2 short 3654
SUNDAY MIXED
Mens hi single Bill Brook 273
Mens hi triple D. Krenn 709
Mens hi Avg. B. Garton 207
Ladies hi single S. Bartlett 220
Ladies hi triple S. Bartlett 559
Ladies hi Avg. C. Proulx 197
Team hi single Slippery Dogs 1237
Team hi single Slippery Dogs 3615
TUESDAY GOLDEN AGERS
Mens hi single J. Sarich 239
Mens hi triple J. Sarich 561
Mens hi Avg. K. Robinson 179

Ladies hi single E. Hanik 210
Ladies hi triple B. Paterson 197
Team hi single Newcomers 1133
Team hi triple Blue Jays 3294
MONDAY MENS
Mens hi single Ron Graff 290
Mens hi triple Ron Graff 1035
Mens hi Avg. B. Wright 232
Team hi single Peelers and Points 938
Team hi triple Weycan 3308
WEDNESDAY MIXED
Mens hi single B. Paterson 251
Mens hi triple V. Preston 616
Mens hi Avg. A. Gould 229
Ladies hi single J. Williams 281
Ladies hi triple J. Williams 740
Ladies hi Avg. L. Graff 220
Team hi single A-team 1240
Team hi triple A-team 3421

Trout Tips

Make your own rod case

by John Sandness

Far more fishing rods are broken by carelessness than are from the pull of a big fish. Keep your spinning and fly rods in tubular, rigid cases until you arrive at your fishing spot. People come to me with fly rods to repair and many are three to six inches shorter than indicated on the eight foot or eight and one-half foot label near the handle. That rod was shortened by being caught in either the car or trunk door, or when it didn't quite make it into the house

before the screen door shortened it.

If you want to make an inexpensive case, you can use a length of two and one-half inch diameter PVC plumbing pipe. Get two caps, one plain and another with a threaded insert. Cement these in place and you will have a tough rod case. I've used my homemade PVC case for years, even taking it on airplanes, and you know how luggage is handled on airlines!

Legion Monday crib scores

February 2:

- 1) Ena/Ernie
- 2) Dick/Kim
- 3) Bob/Noreen

February 9:

- 1) Wayne/Sandy
- 2) Sharon/Helen
- 3) Joe/Clara

February 16:

- 1) Ella/Jim
- 2) Sandy/Wayne
- 3) Dick/Al

February 23:

- 1) Fern/Dennis
- 2) Helen/Rita
- 3) Sharon/Helen

Friday Night Singles:

February 6:

- 1) Peter
- 2) Helen L.
- 3) Flossy

February 20:

- 1) Bernice
- 2) Guy
- 3) Rick

Traffic Tips

Dealing with Slowpokes

Speeders often comment that more should be done about drivers who are going too slowly. We do watch for slowpokes during patrols, but I find that if I apply the same tolerance to drivers driving below the speed limit as I apply to those above, and watch for advisory signs as well, I don't find many slow drivers to deal with.

However, slowing down too much can be just as much a hazard as driving too fast. Slow drivers pile up traffic behind them, causing other drivers to become irritated and take foolish chances to get ahead.

If you are going to drive slowly, you must not drive so slow as to block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. There is one exception to this, and that is where reduced speed is required by law, or for safe operation of

your vehicle.

If you choose to drive slowly, remember to pull over regularly to allow people behind you to proceed. When you do pull to the side, choose a spot where you can get right off the roadway and come to a complete stop. Don't cause confusion by driving on the edge of the roadway and waiting for everyone to go by.

Council will compare rates

Owners who complained about water and sewer rates submitted eight suggestions to Town Council. The suggestions will be reviewed, and local water and sewer rates will be compared with those of other communities.

No date for Council's response was given at the March 2 public meeting.

B.C. FILM INDUSTRY POSTS RECORD FOR 1997



Film and television production in B.C. reached a new high in 1997 with 167 productions completed in B.C. last year, generating \$630.6 million spent directly on productions.

Productions last year included The X Files, the final season of Madison, a record 20 television series, and the largest production ever completed in B.C. - Michael Crichton's "Eaters of the Dead".

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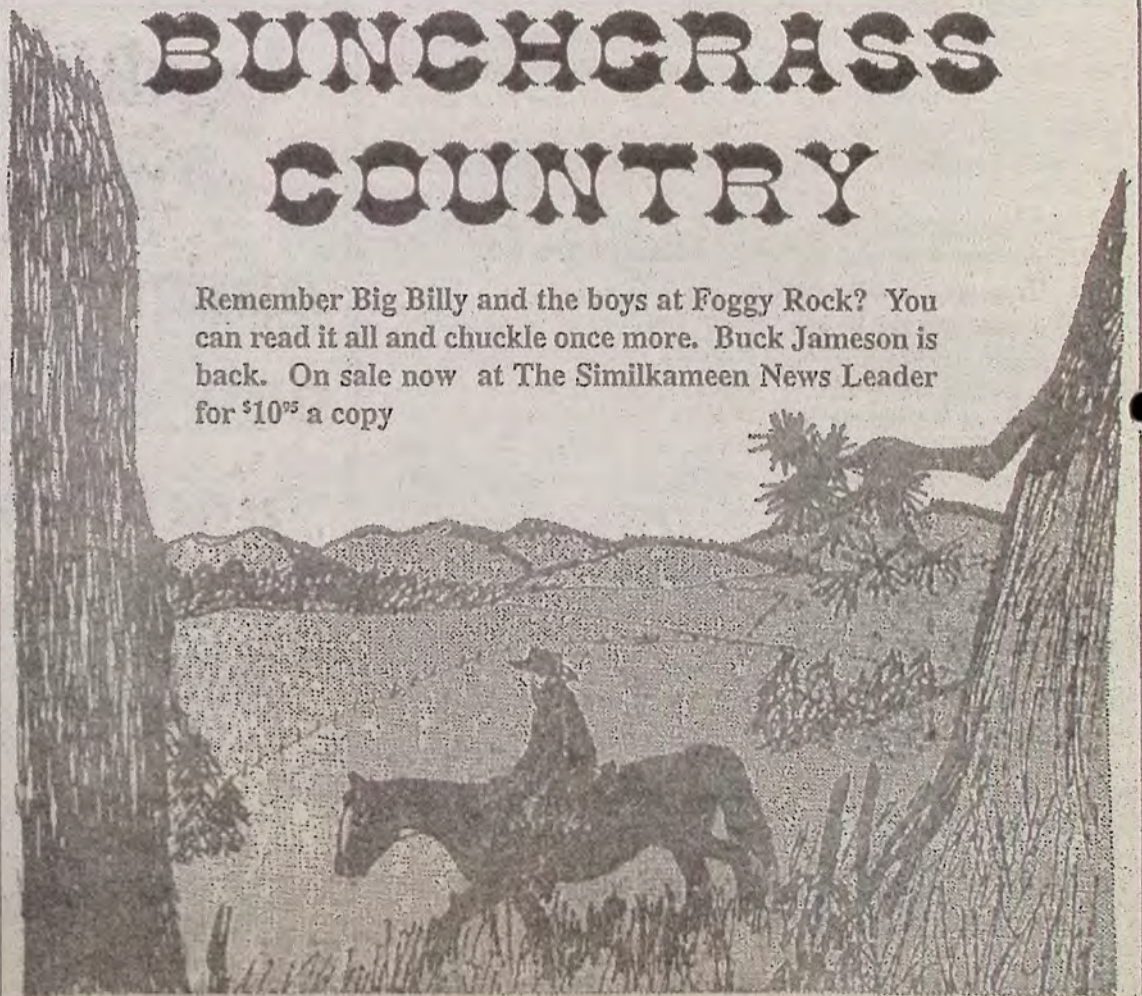
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Worth a Second Thought by Dawn Johnson

What is the real rural doctor issue?

We have heard the terrible plight of rural doctors, but does it really apply in Princeton?

All of us know that our local doctors work hard, and they have been warning us for years that they are growing old and need to be replaced by younger doctors.

We had a couple of younger doctors last year, but they did not stay, and left under a cloud of vague unhappy circumstances. I never did find the bottom line on that incident.

We hear that young doctors do not want to come out into rural areas to practice, because life is too easy in the walk in clinics. We hear that younger doctors want more money and do not want to be on call for emergencies. We hear that emergency work is not paid well enough to make it worthwhile.

There was a time in this country when nearly every doctor was a rural doctor, and on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, unless he was ill or injured. The rural doctors of the past, and of the present, gain something city doctors rarely experience: the profound respect of the people they help.

Times may be different. Rural doctors today do not have to drive miles into the country for an emergency. They can rely on a highly trained (but not highly paid) ambulance crew, who can probably keep most serious cases alive until the patient arrives at the hospital. In the case of the really dreadful motor vehicle accidents, the rescue crew goes to assist the ambulance crew, but the doctor remains at the hospital. All of these individuals, along with nurses, have the responsibility for life and death situations at one time or another.

The concept of being "on call" for 24 hours at a time applies to all sorts of emergency service workers on whom we depend in life and death situations. We want to know they will come when we call, regardless of what time of



day it is. Most of these workers do not receive the paycheques they deserve, but they receive our respect and gratitude when we need them. I have mentioned ambulance and rescue workers, but I should add firemen, police, gas line workers, electrical power service people, highways maintenance crews, safe homes operators, foster care homes, and tow truck drivers.

What makes the rural doctors issues difficult to understand is our perception of not only the challenges of rural medical practice, but the joys. Young doctors from the city miss out on some of the great perks of being involved in rural practice. First, there is the opportunity to enjoy a family life in a country setting, without the hassles of traffic, schools where your children's schoolmates and teachers are relatively unknown, and crime is a constant threat.

The country doctor is part of the

community's elite, yet part of the community's most common denominator. The country doctor is held in great esteem by the community at large.

For the doctor, in daily work, surely one of the perks must be the challenge of the unpredictable, the unexpected, and the wide variety of patients the doctor will see on a daily basis. The rural doctor has an opportunity to see a patient over a number of years, along with the patient's family. This must be better than 25 years of specializing in looking in somebody's ears and nose, or forever looking into patients' unmentionable regions.

Those highly paid specialists probably never have the joy of delivering a healthy baby, nor the joy of bringing an elderly patient safely through a health crisis. They probably do not have the opportunity, most of them, to see a child patient happy to see them and ready to giggle at the doctor's silly jokes. These perks are reserved for family doctors and are more frequent in a rural practice.

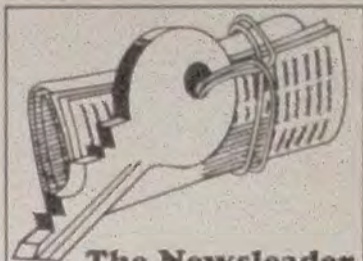
Surely there must be some young doctors who would enjoy the

perks of being a rural doctor?

As for the "on call" part of it, I do not see why that is such a big issue. I have personally been on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with no prior training to speak of, and no pay, either. It is called being the mother of an infant. And yes, I had to put in a full day's work on top of being called once or twice in the middle of the night, or sitting up half the night with a sick child. It just goes with the territory.

I guess there are no young doctors today who like that kind of territory. Perhaps they have lost the urge to face new challenges every day, but perhaps nobody has told them the good side of being a rural doctor.

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Doctors' deal excludes strikes, says minister

Health Minister Penny Priddy said last week she's disappointed that the president of the B.C. Medical Association refuses to bring his organization to the table with the Ministry of Health to resolve doctors' issues that are affecting patient care.

Priddy met with BCMA president Granger Avery on March 4 to discuss the withdrawal of hospital services by some rural doctors and the BCMA's plan to have members withdraw services from their patients three days this month.

Priddy said she had hoped the meeting would clarify a number of issues for her, including why the BCMA refuses to represent its rural membership when it is the only organization with which the government can legally negotiate doctors' fees.

"The rural doctors who have withdrawn hospital services say they have done so due to concerns about over-work, but the only solution they say is acceptable is more money for the existing number of doctors," Priddy said, "I don't see how that will reduce their work load, but if their concern is money, they must go through their official bargaining representative. It's impractical to expect us to negotiate patchwork agreements all over the province."

Priddy said she called on the BCMA to respect its contract with the government and call off the strike days.

"This action is unnecessary because both parties agreed to the current doctors' budget, and in 1996 both parties agreed to a process," Priddy stated,

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