

# Local hero dog enters Hall of Fame



A brave spaniel, Holly, gained national fame last week when she was inducted into the Purina Hall of Fame in Toronto for her heroic efforts to save Ally (left) from an attacking deer. Guardian Norma Myers (right) took her granddaughter Ally and Holly to Toronto for the official ceremony. The portrait of Holly and the medal are courtesy of Purina.

Princeton - The only things dog hero Holly is afraid of are cameras and thunder, but last week she had more than her share of cameras. Holly was the center of attention at a ceremony in Toronto where she was inducted into the Purina Hall of Fame for heroic dogs. Holly saved a child's life in a deer attack in Princeton last year.

Holly was an SPCA dog adopted in Burnaby by Edith Lapierre, who later moved to Princeton and bought Shear Magic hairdressing business. Lapierre had other dogs, and Holly was the kind of dog who liked exclusive attention. When Olive Wilson expressed a desire for a nice dog, Lapierre gave Holly to Wilson.

After a good relationship with her dog, Wilson moved to Vermilion Court where no pets are allowed. Wilson gave Holly to Ridgewood Lodge, where Holly became the

residents' pet during the day, but lived at home with Ridgewood's Director of Care, Norma Myers, during the night. Myers left her job, but kept Holly.

Last year, on Saturday, June 12, Norma Myers, her granddaughter Ally, and the spaniel went for a walk along Similkameen River near Burton Avenue. Ally, age 4, rushed up the road, calling back to her grandmother. Myers followed at a distance, and Holly dragged along behind, snooping in the grassy areas.

Suddenly, a doe walking on hind legs came at Ally to launch an attack. Before the deer could strike Ally, the brave spaniel rushed in and took the brunt of the vicious attack. Myers had a chain leash and repeatedly struck the deer, to little effect. The injured dog, the child, and Myers were

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## Skills Centre plans \$143,000 development

Princeton -A six-month, \$143,000 economic development plan was put before Town Council on March 6, along with a request for approval and some financial support. Sharon Jung, manager of Community Skills Centre, gave an excellent presentation of the proposal. She explained the plan had come out of many months of trying to put together a way for the Skills

Centre to be involved in economic development.

Jung told Council the Skills Centre directors and staff see their role as greater than just a learning or training center. They see themselves as "community partners." In their view, the "flip side" of training people for employment should be economic development.

Others Jung sees involved in local economic development are Princeton and District Chamber of Commerce, the heritage committee, and Town Council.

Jung sees a number of challenges: creating a vision, focussing direction, and following through on the vision.

What the Skills Centre wants to do is become a facilitator through bringing a person into the community to work with groups to develop what the groups need, do some training, and develop action plans, and develop the ability of groups to communicate well with each other on the basis of common training.

There is a government program called Involve B.C. that provides funding for training to increase the effectiveness of volunteer boards. Jung hopes to access funding from that program, along with funding from HRDC and Community Enterprise. The Skills Centre will seek funding from Weyerhaeuser, Regional District and the Town of Princeton.

Mayor Randy McLean spoke of the good work and many successes of the Skills Centre, but Council made no commitments toward funding the proposal.

## Leader has plans for Similco

Princeton - Similco Mines has been kicked around between owners for the past 15 years, and if Leader Mining board of directors and the B.C. Ministry of Mines approves the sale, Imperial Metals will sell Similco to Leader, a Calgary-based company younger than Similco's open pit.

Leader Mining International Inc. began in June, 1987. It was founded by its president, Jasi Nikhanj. Leader owns the Karmel Diamond

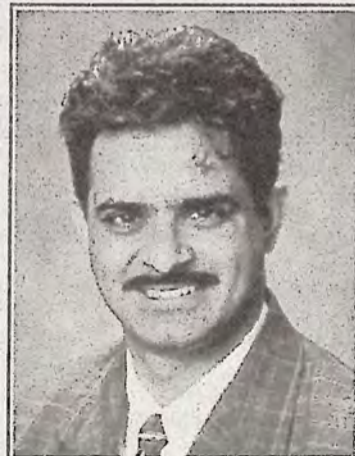
Project near Kimberly, South Africa, and has done extensive exploration work in Saskatchewan in a joint venture with Kores Canada Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Korea Resources Corporation, a Korean government owned company. The company profile indicates Leader has been primarily a mining exploration company. The profile states Leader is launching the second phase of a growth strategy.

To buy Similco, Leader will pay \$3 million over 18 months, and Imperial Metals will buy one million common shares of Leader Mining at \$1.00/share for 24 months. In addition to the mine and mill, Leader will acquire the 2880 hectare Invermay property (formerly Giant Copper) located 50 km. west of Similco Mine.

Exploration estimates open pit resources of 41.2 million tonnes grading 0.47 per cent copper, 0.38 grams per ton of gold and 11.2 grams per ton of silver. Leader believes the property offers potential for recovery of higher-grade resources through processing at the Similco concentrator.

Leader Mining has stated an intention to re-open Similco and go into production. In a March 2 news release regarding the Similco purchase, Leader states, "The fully permitted and bonded Similco Mill, located at the site, adds substantial asset value to the project. To install a new mill complex of comparable size (27,000 tons/day) would require over Can. \$200 million to set up and 3 to 5 years of environmental review and permit-

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Harry Lali, MLA  
Yale-Lillooet

## Lali offers to assist Leader deal

"It would be great to have more people working here. They (Leader Mining) haven't approached my office, but if they do I'll be glad to help them with any advice on programs. If they are interested, I'll be more than happy to talk to them."


### Weather Watch

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March	High	Low	Precip	High	Low	Precip
6	6.2	-7.7		11	1	
8	5.4	-9.9		7	-2	
8	7.2	-2.3		9	0	
9	9.1	-3.6		11	5	
10	9.6	-4	trace rain	12	-1	
11	6.5	-1.9		11	4	
12	6.4	-3.7	trace rain	9	0	

#### FORECAST:

Wed- Mainly cloudy, 30% chance showers, low -2, high 10  
 Thurs- Mainly cloudy, 40% chance showers, windy, low 0, high 9  
 Fri.- Mainly cloudy, 40% chance showers, low -1, high 11  
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MLA Harry Lali dropped in to Little Folks Nursery School to bring good news about a grant, and to take a good look at the preschool facility. Left to right: teacher Sandy Yee, Harry Lali, and society representative April Earle.

## Little Folks receive big cheque

Princeton - Government funding of \$3,324 will help make improvements to Little Folks Nursery School Society's preschool, Yale-Lillooet MLA Harry Lali said Friday, relaying

the message from Jan Pullinger, minister of social development and economic security.

Lali visited Little Folks Nursery School, talked about the needs of the school and children and asked how the money would be spent. He was favourably impressed with the nearly \$1700 the society has raised and the strong support from the community. Sandy Yee told him about the many donations from the community, and ongoing efforts at fund raising. Lali inspected the range and refrigerator that will be replaced, and looked at the windows the society would like to be able to replace. The money will be used for more outdoor equipment and

vacuum cleaner.

Little Folks Nursery School, in operation since 1988, offers the only preschool program in the Princeton area. The centre is licensed for 15 children.

"As parents, my wife Rani and I know the kind of pressure many people face as they try to balance the demands of work and family," said Lali. "Our government is working with child care providers to ease these pressures by ensuring parents in our community and across the province have access to affordable, quality child care for their kids."

Funding for the improvement was provided by the Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security through its emergency repair, replacement and relocation grant program, which helps child-care centres maintain licensing standards and retain child-care spaces.

"For many British Columbians, access to child care can make the difference between employment and unemployment," Lali said.



Notary Public Larry Stevens of Princeton has been nominated as a candidate for a directorship on the board of Valley First Credit Union. Princeton members can cast a ballot this week at Valley First Princeton branch.

## Town Council thanks Cents

Princeton - Town Council has sent a letter to Merritt Centennials thanking them for coming to Princeton and inviting them to come back next year.

Another letter will be sent to Princeton Minor Hockey and to Ed and Sally Nault thanking them for an excellent job of organizing the game between Merritt Centennials and Penticton Panthers held last month in Princeton.



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### Forestry Open Houses and Public Information Meetings

The public is invited to attend the annual Merritt Forest District Forest Development Plan review and public information meetings.

Forest Development Plan Amendments showing the next five years of timber harvesting and road construction will be available for review and comment between the hours of 12:00 and 5:00 pm.

Evening public information meetings with the Merritt Forest District Manager will include a presentation entitled:

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These are the Highland Dancers pre-school group doing the Bird Dance. This priceless performance was exceeded in entertainment value only by their version of the Hokie Pokie dance.

## Dancers give top entertainment

Princeton - From the expertise of the senior dancers to the often hilarious but delightful performances of the pre-school tots, the Princeton Highland Dancers recital on Saturday was pure entertainment. The audience could only admire the skill and patience of teacher Janet Banks in bringing youngsters from their initial level to the competitive level shown by the seniors.

Steve LePoidevin was Master of Ceremonies for the event, and his son, Patrick, joined forces with piper Glen Esdale for accompaniment and to put on a bagpipe show of their own.

Parents helped with everything, and donations from Overwaitea helped with the tea served at intermission. The dancers and parents provided service to the audience at tea time, and the size of the audience demanded a lot of people pouring tea and coffee and plates of squares and cookies.

The repertoire of the dancers is excellent, improving in variety from year to year. Riverdance is always a crowd pleaser performed by senior dancers, but this year the seniors outdid themselves with a Scottish group dance called Sword Medley, in which the dancers carried swords and

wove steps through an intricate pattern. It was excellent.

The littlest dancers always steal the show through their unselfconscious individual styles, and this year's group was no exception. They drew a great round of appreciative applause for their efforts.



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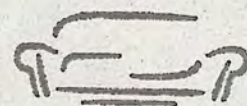
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Grace Lawrence, left, was awarded her 55 year bar for continuous membership in the Royal Purple. She was a charter member of the Princeton lodge, and has been an active member during the years. Adelle MacDonald, right, received her 55 year bar. Now a member of the Princeton lodge, she originally joined in Powell River. District Deputy Annie Zandvliet, of Oliver, made the presentations at the Princeton lodge meeting on March 7.

## Planters and logs will grace downtown trail for Easter weekend

Princeton - Logs and planters will border the TransCanada Trail from the blue bridge to Subway restaurant. Jim Stolth, representing Vermilion Trails Society, took a proposal to Town Council on March 6, asking for Council's support for a plan to surface and beautify the downtown portion of the trail.

The two downtown sections run from the blue bridge past the rear of A&W, then between the Loomis building and Chevron service station. The trail crosses a street near Irlly Bird, passing between the rear of Princeton Hydraulic and Subway. Along this route, Vermilion Trails Society visualizes log barriers similar to those at Keywest Motors lining the trail in the east section by Chevron, and both logs and planters in the west section near Irlly Bird. They want it ready

for Easter weekend when Relay 2000 comes through Princeton.

In addition, they asked Council to subsidize the cost of crush or gravel along the entire downtown trail, approximately 900 metres and to create a parking area near Chevron and Subway.

John Allison Elementary School will assist with beautification by putting flowers in the planters and planting some trees along the way.

Council had no objections to the concept, but Mayor Randy McLean suggested all groups interested in promoting downtown Princeton should meet and develop a plan approved by all, especially considering changes expected when the blue bridge is

replaced, along with the possibility that the Chamber of Commerce office will be moved. Jim Stolth agreed.

## Tulameen welcomed visitors for grand opening

by Kelly Reichert and Gina Hall  
Tulameen - On Saturday, March 4, the small town of Tulameen had a GRAND OPENING. Riddell Bay studios, previously known as Deb's scenic Hair Studio, opened with both fashion and flair. Riddell Bay Studios is located on the same property as the previous salon, but has moved up to the unique and well-designed space above the former shop. The fresh, friendly look provides Deb Bergsma's customers with a pleasantly invigorating and trendy atmosphere.

The new studio boasts a local artisan gallery in the sitting area. On Saturday, everyone was delighted with Leanne Petschl's beautiful paintings and sculptures.

Deb welcomes Leah Booth to her shop as an apprentice. Leah has made this exciting career change with her usual grace and enthusiasm, and everyone wished her the best. Leah will also help Deb by greeting customers and booking appointments.

People from as far away as Vancouver and Kelowna attended this splendid gala event. Deb and Leah welcomed their guests, offering them cappuccinos, sushi and a tour. The sushi and many other tasty appetizers were catered by

another local lady, Gina Hall. The sushi was a great hit, and a rare find in Tulameen.

The space, art, food and good company were enjoyed by all. Everyone wished Deb much success in Riddell Bay Studios.

## School district gives actor top marks for class

Princeton - Jack Nicholson is known to 70 Merritt elementary school students as "Jack", according to a report given to school trustees at the March 8 School Board meeting in Princeton. Nicholson was in Merritt for the filming of school scenes for the movie "The Pledge."

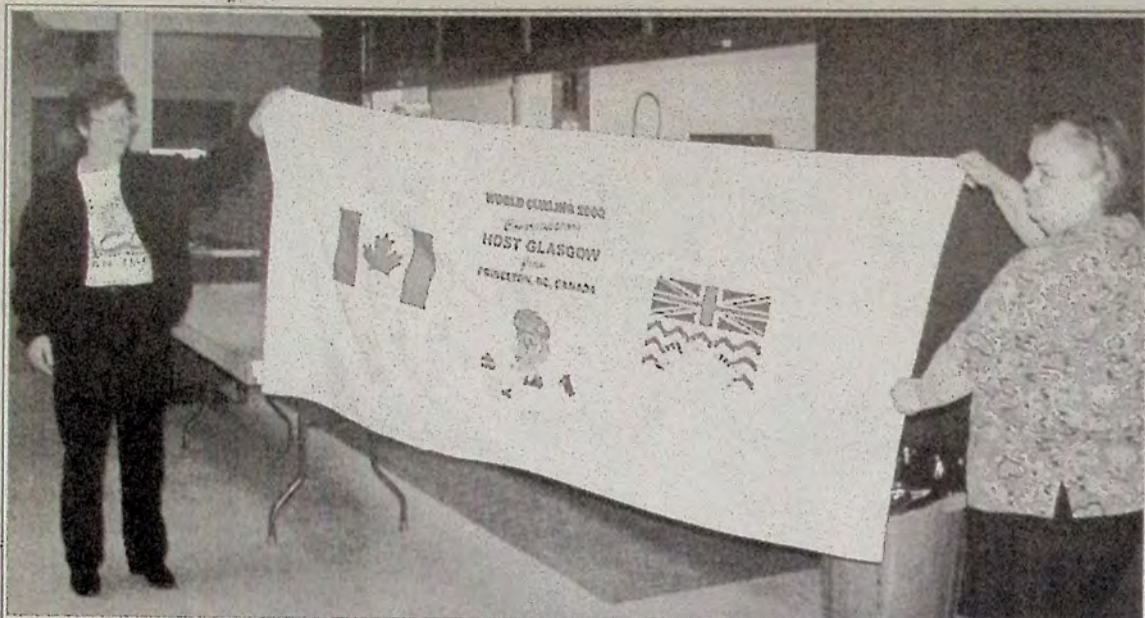
For two days, the film was shot in the playground at a Merritt school, and Nicholson was "wonderful with the kids." Trustees, teachers, parents and administrative staff gave the star, and the crew, top marks for the way they handled the school situation.

Superintendent Richie Gage added a humorous note, saying Merritt's Fire Chief had proven to be a Nicholson look-alike, and had spent a lot of time "on location" outside Merritt doing duty as Nicholson's double.

## Developers will pay school charge

New legislation will require land developers to pay a school site acquisition charge on newly constructed residential units. School districts and local governments must go through a consultative process to determine the number of new schools, and thus school sites, required as a result of residential development over a 10-year planning period. The value of the school sites will be used to calculate the school site acquisition charge. School site acquisition charges will be required only if there is enough residential construction in a school district to generate the need for a new school.

The purpose of the legislation is to recover a portion of the costs for the school site acquisition generated by residential development.



At the Club Presidents' Breakfast, Sharon Beausoleil, left, and Diane Huey display a banner Beausoleil is taking to the World Curling Championships in Glasgow. Beausoleil invited everyone to sign the banner. Note Peter Pine in a curling outfit in the center of the banner. Peter is on his way to Scotland wearing a plaid tam. Add one more item to the legend of Peter Pine.

## Club Presidents plan summer events

Princeton - The Club Presidents' Breakfast held on March 8 was very productive. After some remarks by Mayor Randy McLean on all of the events happening this year, Lyle Thomas outlined the purpose of the meeting, saying representatives from local organizations could get together to coordinate their events and help one another.

Area H Director Geri Logan spoke briefly about Relay 2000, and praised the Youth Ambassador program.

Christiane Gosselin represented the Skills Centre and invited everyone to the Open House.

Museum Society President Rosemary Doughty said members of the Museum Society are busy changing displays and will be very busy when construction of the Pollard Wing is underway.

Margaret Stoneberg, representing Princeton Old Age Pensioners, suggested Princeton invite the Prince of Wales to the 140th birthday party. Stoneberg advised that the OAP hall would be available to any group wishing to have an event.

Two local clergy, Pastor Dave Machin and Pastor Peter Rytkonen, attended as observers.

Brad Hope announced Racing Days will be July 1. Hope added some remarks about the possible re-opening of Similco Mines. He urged people to focus on "what we can do now" for the coming year, because there are some things, such as world copper prices, over which we have no control. The mine may not re-open.

Mayor McLean suggested local organizations adopt a portion of the TransCanada Trail to care for.

Ev McCallum announced two reunions: the Blakeburn reunion which will take place on July 1 and the Copper Mountain reunion, to take place the same weekend as Fall Fair.

Diane Huey reported on the progress of the family history book. She asked Stan Thompson, Rodeo Club President, if the Rodeo Club would organize the parade for the 140th birthday. Thompson said he would take it to the members.

Huey suggested the Town should have official colours for various

items being created, such as the millennium quilt. Everyone agreed with her suggestion that green and gold would be appropriate. Mayor McLean was asked to present the concept to Town Council and ask Council to declare those the official colours for Princeton.

Jim Stolth reported on the progress of the downtown "gateway" of the TransCanada Trail. He added thanks to Town Council and the people of Princeton for their support.

Lyle Thomas talked about the "gateway" communities, saying Princeton is "the gateway of gateways" to the TransCanada Trail. He pointed out that, based on statistics from Myra Canyon, Princeton could expect 1500 people on the trail per day during the peak of the tourist season. He advised that, on Easter weekend, out of town media would be on hand to record the events in Princeton and further promote Princeton as a gateway to the TransCanada Trail.

John Sandness reported plans for a Septemberfest, a joint project of Lions Club and Rotary Club for the 140th birthday. Sandness went on to promote Senior Artists, who would be willing to put on an art display for the 140th birthday. Sandness advised about the Flytiers Guild, an international guild with members in Princeton and around the world. He praised the efforts of Alex Kinsey and Neil McDiarmid keeping the group going. He spoke of the need for one more carver to make the carved wooden quilt to mark the millennium.

Eleanor Sinclair said Senior

Citizens Branch 30 will host a provincial conference on May 4, 5 and 6. They agreed to be the registration center for people coming to the 140th birthday.

Sharon Beausoleil represented both the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Curling Club. She said the curlers were not likely to be involved as a club, but many belong to the Golf Club and might be involved through that group. The Auxiliary had not made any plans to date for the 140th birthday.

Stan Thompson reported that the Rodeo Club would hold a heritage dinner on April 4 or 5, and would have a trail ride.

Business and Professional Women's Club offered to do a tea at the fair grounds after the parade.

Ray Jarvis listed several Legion activities this year, including a fishing derby, Superstar sports, golf, tulip sales and bowling (April 8).

Fall Fair President Keith Olsen gave a brief review of all of the activities connected with the fair and the 140th birthday on September 8, 9 and 10. He mentioned Westcoast Amusements bringing a carnival to the fair grounds in April.

Chamber of Commerce manager Lori Thomas said Youth Ambassadors are looking for sponsors at \$350 a year, and invited everyone in business to attend the Frontline Management course at the Skills Centre. She reminded everyone of the Trade Fair on the first weekend in May and Chimera Circus in June.

Linda Neumann, representing Vermilion Artists, talked about the millennium quilts, saying the Artist Council had given grants for materials.

## E-Team calls for applications

Victoria - The Environment Youth Team will accept applications until April 17 from any organizations wishing to sponsor an E-Team project between May 2000 and March 2001.

All businesses, non-profit organizations, First Nations and government offices are eligible to apply. Applications are available from all government agents by calling Youth Options B.C. at 1-877-BC-Youth or by visiting the Youth

Office website at [www.youth.gov.bc.ca](http://www.youth.gov.bc.ca) on Internet.

The program has three components: Interns, Work Crews and Eco-Ed. E-Team projects must last at least 10 weeks, must have an environmental or outdoor recreation focus, and 20 per cent of project time must be dedicated to training and developing skills for future employment. Eligible youth are age 16 to 24.



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John Babiak, owner of Dairy Queen, (far right) entertains local Sparks troop on a tour of Dairy Queen facilities. Sparks learned how ice cream is made, how hamburgers are cooked, and how Dairy Queen's brand of treats are created. Sparks thoroughly enjoyed the tour. Sparks are, left to right: Jordyn Senger, Kaylin Burstall, Jessica Dennis, Taylor Robillard, Nicole Greyeyes, and Mackenzie Cecon.

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**Leader Mining ..... from front page**

ting." In other words, the start-up at Similco would be relatively quick and easy. The news release goes on to say, "Several mining houses have expressed interest to commence commercial production at the Similco Mine at a rate of 80 million pounds per annum on a joint venture basis with Leader Mining."

Imperial Metals says the exploration potential for additional open pit and underground resources is high at Similco, due to two deep intercepts, the first below the bottom of Pit #3, at 100 feet, at 3.38 per cent copper. The second is below the Ingerbelle Pit, an intercept at 156 feet at 1.25 per cent copper. The Alabama/Oronaco area drill hole returned low copper readings at 260 feet in one location, but a higher copper reading at another

location where gold was measurable. Several factors influence whether or not the mine will open even if the sale is final on May 15, 2000. The most important aspect is the world price of copper. The second is the ability of Leader Mining to acquire the funding and the expertise to put the mine into operation.

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and gas. Received a degree from the University of Calgary.  
 Vice-President, Mining - Michael E. MacLeod, 25 years experience as a professional mining engineer. Degrees from University of Alberta and Calgary. MacLeod was associated with Similco before going to Leader in 1997 and brings first hand experience about Similco's mining potential.  
 Vice-President, Corporate Affairs - Europe - Roland Kesselring is based in Switzerland, has his own company, Nascom Financing, and is responsible for financings, investor relations and corporate development in Europe.  
 Chief Geologist - Cristian Abacioasi holds degrees from the University of Iasi and the Academy of Economic Science in Romania.

**Hero dog in Hall of Fame .. from front page**

screaming. The doe finally backed off, leaving Holly covered in blood, her leg broken, and her eye injured. People at the scene helped Myers put the dog in the car, but said they doubted the dog would survive. Myers had to take the dog to Penticton, as there was no veterinarian in Princeton on Saturday. Holly survived the attack, but the injuries to her head left her blind in one eye, and she had to have the eye removed last month.

Purina learned of Holly's bravery from its clipping service, and a panel of judges chose Holly for induction into the Purina Hall of Fame. The company contacted Myers to tell her that she, Ally and Holly would be flown to Toronto, stay three days in a lovely hotel, and flown back to Vancouver, all expenses paid. It was first class all the way, with limousine service wherever they went and a sitter for Holly when she had to be left on her own. On March 5, they attended a banquet and ceremony of induction, and

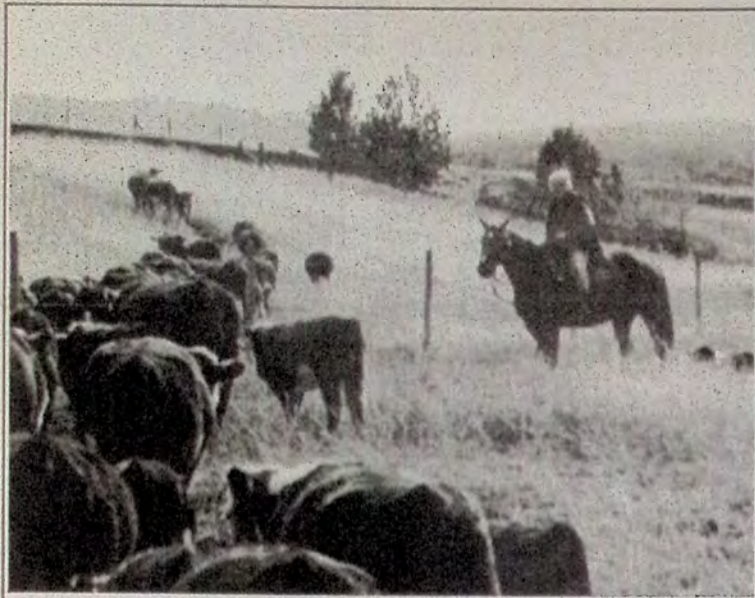
on March 6, they were on Canada AM television. Poor Holly had to endure all kinds of photographers from newspapers in Toronto and had already endured a two hour photo shoot to have her portrait

done. She hates cameras. Holly is now at home with the family, with a portrait, a medal for bravery, and a lifetime supply of Purina dog food.

**SPCA bids on Town animal control contract**

Princeton - Town Council has received a bid from SPCA for the animal control contract. SPCA has a similar contract with Regional District, Summerland, and pending contracts with Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos and Penticton. Princeton has a special constable, Willy Barth, in place now to serve the area. Services provided by SPCA contracts include dog and cat control, shelter facilities and adoption, veterinarian care (euthanization only when necessary), education in local schools, investigating complaints of problem animals or

abuse of animals (1-877-944-SPCA toll free), WCB coverage for workers, liability coverage, licensing, and pet medical insurance for pet owners. The advantages to a town include not having to provide coverage for insurances, and no staff time required. Local SPCA member Mark MacDonald says, if the SPCA had the contract, it would run the local shelter, possibly move it, and definitely renovate it. If anyone is interested in more information, Mark is willing to talk. Call 295-3560.



Brenda Crimmon herding cattle in the grasslands northeast of Princeton is one of the many photos included in the cattle ranching resource package for Agriculture in the classroom. Photo courtesy of Geri Logan.

## Ranching goes to school

Similkameen - Local writer/photographer Geri Logan worked for several years on a ranching package for Agriculture in the classroom. The package is now available from the B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and the people of the Similkameen Valley can hope every child in our province has an opportunity to learn about cattle ranching.

The package is prepared for Grade 4 and 5 Life Science and can be integrated into Social Studies and Reading.

Beautiful photographs of ranching in the Similkameen will attract the students' attention, and some of the other information will surprise them. For example, the page asking "When is a steer more than a steer?" The answers will surprise

most people.

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## Parents learn drug trouble

Princeton - Break and enter incidents and thefts are tied into drugs, Princeton parents learned at a meeting at Princeton Secondary School on March 6. Cst. Tracy Ross, of Princeton RCMP, and Cst. Hiscock of Keremeos RCMP, expressed the feeling that incidents involving drugs are on the increase.

Police believe the break-ins and thefts are part of the drug problem, and see a pattern of organized crime because the stolen goods leave town very quickly and perhaps there is an organized system of fencing the goods in return for quick cash.

Parents were advised on how to handle situations involving drugs and their children.

Principal Larry Stoochnoff told the News Leader, "There are a lot of weekend things going on. Some of it

is getting pretty serious."

Stoochnoff says it is a community issue, but he is afraid some of it may "creep into the school."

"We need to find out how we can work together to sort this out," Stoochnoff said.

Police feel there is more cocaine around and more young people trying it, Stoochnoff summed up.

Students receive counselling and a variety of presentations on drug abuse.

"A lot of young people are starting to take a stance against it (drug use)," Stoochnoff said.

Stoochnoff believes the school is a good place to take action, because it can act as a liaison between the community and various agencies and the school can be a resource for students and parents.

## Council will answer question about Town forest

Princeton - Town Council will answer all of Gary Fraser's questions posed in a letter sent to Council in February. Fraser questioned what is being done to sell the community forest timber and asked where the money is going from the sale of timber. Mayor Randy McLean said, at the March 6 Council meeting, that Council

will answer Fraser's questions when Fraser is available for a meeting.

"He raises questions a lot of people have and would like to have answered," Mayor McLean said.

Mayor McLean said Fraser will not be available until late this month or early April.

## Teachers complain of accreditation workload

Princeton - BC Teachers Federation has concerns about the amount of work required by teachers to complete a school accreditation process. Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Bob Peacock, presented the accreditation framework to the Board of School Trustees on March 8, and the accreditation process received some critical remarks from Susan Hamilton, who attends board meetings to represent teachers.

Hamilton noted the work required has increased from one year to 18 months, and demands too much of teachers' time. She added that external evaluation teams are costly.

Accreditation is required by the Minister of Education every six years. This year, Vermilion Forks Elementary School is going through the accreditation process. Peacock said Tulameen School was supposed to have gone through it, but nobody could figure out how one teacher could go through the process. Tulameen School is one of the few country schools remaining in Canada and has just one teacher.

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## LSIB outlines programs for public

by Laurel Arnold  
Similkameen - Both band members and the general public attended the Lower Similkameen Band (LSIB) Annual General Meeting (AGM) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 8 at the Victory Hall in Keremeos, where participants could visit a dozen tables set around the hall and learn about the many programs and services the band is providing to its members, as well as the many ways it interacts with the general public and various levels of Canadian government. A teepee was set up in the centre of the hall, and the informal gathering included prayers and a welcome by LSIB Manager Dixon Terbasket.

Coordinators of the various programs manned the display tables that included such topics as Natural Resources, Family Support, Accounting, Residential School Wellness Project, Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Capital Projects and Housing, Social Development, Employment, Community Health, Education, and Cultural Resources.

Bernie Allison, at the Creating Wellness Residential School Project table, said although only about 40 members of the LSIB are Residential School survivors, their experience affects the whole community through the generations so the "whole population is

targeted" in the project's holistic healing process.

Sharon Blakeborough, at the Family Violence and Sexual Assault table, said, among other things, she works with the court systems toward helping both victims and offenders "to heal and grow, to deal with the anger and

the sexual abuse" She will soon be starting self defense workshops for both native and non-native youth.

Rhonda Terbasket, at the Okanagan Training Development Council table, works with a national program called the  
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Rhonda Terbasket, Employment and Training Coordinator, shows the Employer Tool Kit, a handy book for employers.

Photo by Laurel Arnold.

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On March 8, the new South Similkameen Health Centre began to take shape as the construction crew fills foundation forms with concrete. Photo by Laurel Arnold.

## Keremeos Council will meet with RCMP to discuss vandalism and thefts

by Laurel Arnold

Keremeos - Vandalism, break and enter, and theft continue to occupy a great deal of Keremeos RCMP time. During the week of February 28 to March 5, almost half of police call-outs involved the above issues.

At the March 6, Village Council meeting, Mayor Robin Lee and Councillor McMurray reported

that more people are becoming involved in Citizens on Patrol, because they are "fed up" with the way things are.

McMurray reminded the public to install a security light, "one of the biggest deterrents to crime," that is inexpensive and widely available.

Mayor Lee spoke of the need for a Community Counselling

group and said that at a February 25 meeting he attended in Hope with the Highways Minister Lali and Mayors from seven municipalities, policing was identified as a "common problem."

Mayor Lee reported Council had written to RCMP Superintendent Rick Preston on February 27, requesting an interview "to review problems we have in Keremeos."

In a March 9 interview, Mayor Lee said the RCMP had responded to Council's request and a meeting between Preston and Council has been arranged for April 3.

Mayor Lee says he wants to keep the upcoming meeting with the RCMP "on a positive note.... We just want to get a better idea of where they stand."

## Telus tells Keremeos no improvements likely for two years

by Laurel Arnold

Keremeos - Improved telephone service may be at least two years away, if not longer. Mayor Lee reported to Keremeos Council's March 6 meeting that he had received a letter from Telus answering Council's concerns about the need for improvements to Keremeos telephone services. Council had expressed concern about the lack of enhanced call features, the effect this lack might have on the 911 emergency system, and the disadvantages school children face due to current internet access limitations.

The Telus letter explains that area internet service is not provided by them and that Council should address their internet concerns to the local provider. It also states that 911 service "is not

impacted by the lack of enhanced call features."

The letter further says, "In order to provide the enhanced call features you desire, we need to add specific software packages to the switches in your area. At the moment, the cost of this software upgrade is prohibitive."

Telus is working with software manufacturers to reduce the cost.

Telus says the recent CRTC Decision 99-16 "provides an additional avenue of hope" and a framework for local exchange carriers (like Telus) "to submit proposals, in part to improve service to our high cost serving areas." Decision 99-16 requires Telus to submit plans including cost recovery solutions by 2001.

**Open House**  
.....from page 8

## Keremeos Chamber hosts business open house

by Laurel Arnold

Keremeos - The Keremeos and District Chamber of Commerce is currently conducting a membership drive, and will hold an Open House at the Infocentre on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The open house will allow local and area businesses to see the infocentre and learn about the various services it provides.

Aboriginal Workplace Participation Initiative. She has a budget that allows her to offer wage subsidies for hiring native workers. Among other things, she offers career counselling and networks in the general community to overcome employment barriers.

People wanting to learn more about the many LSIB programs can come to an outdoor community day, similar to the AGM, to be held in August or September.

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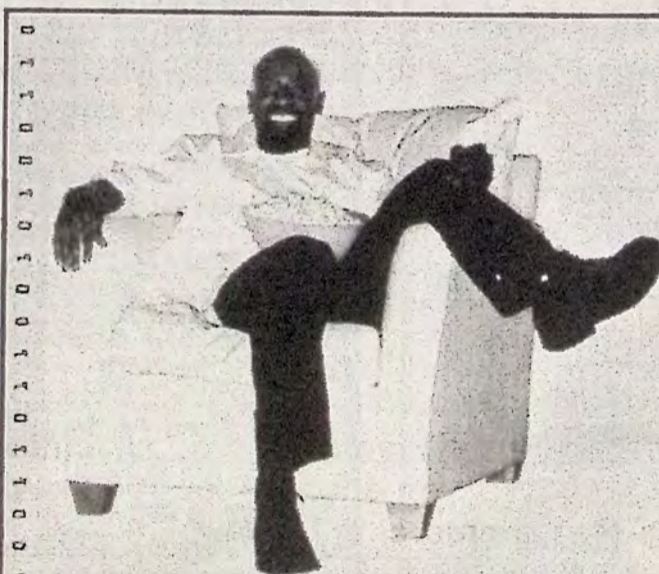
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## Princeton bowlers move to 'A' division

Princeton men won the Interior bowling championships held in Kamloops Friday and Saturday, and the women's team did well, moving the Princeton teams from 'B' division competition level to 'A' division based on aggregate scores. Barrie Wright, on the men's team, took the men's high single with a score of 391, and took the men's high block. The men made the all-star team with a 289 average. The mixed score, men's and women's, was a high 272 average.

"It was a great team effort," Wright told the News Leader. "We had excellent support from the coaches and plenty of cheers. I was really proud of the team."

Teams bowled at Falcon Lanes on Friday, then moved to Bowler Time Sports for Saturday's finals.

## Town Council pleased with COP

Princeton - Town Council expressed pleasure at the excellent response to their call for Citizens on Patrol volunteers. Council had met with RCMP on March 6 to discuss the situation. Enough people have signed up so that no individual needs to put in more than one day each month on patrol. The group will receive training in how to watch and what to watch for, and how to report what was seen.



The Princeton women's team competing March 11 & 12 in the Interior Championships in Kamloops are, standing, left to right: Jeanie Williams, Karen Blomme, Joanne Kovacs. Kneeling: Noreen Stadler, Barb Gould and Natalie Young.



Princeton men's bowling team competing in the Interior Championships in Kamloops on March 11 & 12 are, left to right, standing: Aaron Gould, Shane Heasman, Ron Graff, and kneeling, Barrie Wright and Cody Pasco.

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## USIB treats Hedley children to bingo ski trip

by Laurel Arnold

Similkameen - The Sunday ChuChuwayha Bingo is "really successful" says Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB) employee Brenda Gould, so the USIB has put money back into the Hedley Community. The USIB was able to treat some children and parents from Hedley to an Apex Mountain Ski Trip on March 4 weekend, and donate to Hedley's Community Club for a children's Valentine party. Gould says the Bingo funds have also allowed them to sponsor a Senior Boys Basketball team for the Provincial Championships, and

sponsor Jay Begaye's all native basketball team for the upcoming Rocky Mountain Basketball Tournament March 17 to 19 in Penticton.

USIB receptionist Miranda Squakin organized the ski trip. She says "Usually we go on Saturdays with just our own youth group, but we decided to invite Hedley kids and parents." She said they had a "really good turnout...about 35 people showed up," small children, youth and parents.

Miranda says, "Most of the feedback was--they had a great time."

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9:30 AM	Matlock	Martin Short	Moose Kiddy Cats	Sesame Street (R)	Regis & Kathie	Ainsley Harriott	L.A. Law	Martha Stewart Living		Dinner Travel	Bananas Couch	Off-Record Workout	Regis & Kathie	Design (R)	Paid Prog.	Babar	Sally	News	Hawaii Five-O	
10:30 AM	Hunter "Blind Ambition"	Price Is Right	Readers Parliament	Zoboo Reading	Later Today	Price Is Right	Law & Order	The View	Movie Gold Trails	Dave Rutherford	Kitty Cats Groundling	Fit Kick	The View	Discovery.ca (R)	Forgive or Forget	Billy Cat	Sally Acts of revenge.	Movie: "French Silk" (1994)	News	
11:30 AM	Movie: "The Sheepman" (1958)	Young and the Restless	World at War	Sit-Be Fit Art	People's Court	Young and the Restless	Northern Exposure	Paid Prog. Pt. Charles	Hollywood	News	Fuzzpaws	Snowtrax	Vicki Gabereau	Beyond 2000	Montel Williams	Otter	Lane	Cityline Therapy day.	MacGyver "Ma Dalton"	
12:30 PM	Glenn Ford	News	Japanese	Travel Antiques	Extra	News Bold & B.	Night Court	All My Children	News	Days of Our Lives	Batman Pinky & the Brain	That's Hockey	3rd Rock Ellen	Forbidden Places (R)	Jerry Springer	Timon	Little House	Cityline Therapy day.	Caroline	
1:30 PM	Cosby	Movie	Money	20th Century	Days of Our Lives	As the World Turns	Murder, She Wrote	One Life to Live	House Bold & B.	Grace	Mouse	ATP Tennis: Masters	One Life to Live	Inquiring	Divorce	Clarissa	Coach	News	Bzz!	
2:30 PM	Full House	Corona'n	Inquiring	Quilting	Passions	Guldung Light	Magnum, P.I.	General Hospital	Passions	Nanny	Movie: "An American Tail" (1986)	Series - Early Rounds	Vicki Gabereau (R)	Kingdoms of Survival	Paid Prog.	Art Attack	Pokemon	Enquirer	Cosby	
3:30 PM	Roseanne	Edition	Classroom	Mr Rogers	Rose O'Donnell	Judy	L.A. Law	Hollywood	Martin Short	Young and the Restless	Batman	Sportsdesk	Dini Actor Daniel Davis.	How'd They Do That?	Rangers	Ataddin	Batman	News	Wayans	
4:30 PM	Fresh Pr.	Rose O'Donnell	Mechanics	Zoom (E)	Jeopardy!	Oprah Winfrey	Law & Order	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	Digimon	WCW Nitro	ER "The Healers"	Discovery.ca	BeastWars	Timon	Pokemon	Seinfeld	Full House	
5:30 PM	Movie: "Pretty Woman" (1990)	News	Profiles	News	News	News	Biography: Helmsley	News	News	News	Pokemon		News	Wild Discovery	Caroline	Doug	Sister, Sis.	Relic Hunter (R)	Movie: "Rocky V" (1990)	
6:30 PM	Richard Gere, Julia Roberts.	Friends	Islam	News-Lehrer	News	News	Investigative Reports	News	News	Party of Five	Alien	Soccer: UEFA Champions League	Friends	Forbidden Places	3rd Rock	Little Lulu	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Change of Heart" (1993, Drama)	Sylvester Stallone.	
7:30 PM	Movie: "Star Wars" (1977, Science Fiction)	Hollywood	Dottos	Frank Patterson	Jeopardy!	Seinfeld		Carey	Fortune	God, Devil	Mona	Worst	Friends	Discover Magazine (R)	Star Trek: Voyager	Gargoyles	Friends	Seinfeld	News	MacGyver "Ma Dalton"
8:30 PM	Science Fiction)	Market Plc	Made	Andre Rieu: 100 Years of Strauss	God, Devil	"Psychic Warrior"	Law & Order	Be a Millionaire	Two Guys Norm	NYPD Blue (PA)	Big Wolf Sherwood	Sportsdesk (R)	Be a Millionaire	Discovery.ca (R)	'70s Show Family Guy	Movie: "Secret of NIMH 2"	Buffy Vampire	News	MacGyver "Ma Dalton"	
9:30 PM	Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher.	Life and Times	White Heat (Part 2 of 8)	TBA	Dateline	Judging Amy (R)	Biography: Helmsley	Dharma Sports Nt	Will-Grace Just Shoot	Will-Grace Just Shoot	BoyWorld	WCW Nitro (R)	Exposure Sports Nt	Wild Discovery	Party of Five	Movie: "The Boy Who Could Fly" (1986, Drama)	Angel "Parting Gifts" News (ESP)	Movie: "Twins" (1998)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	
10:30 PM	Movie: "Poltergeist II" (1986, Horror)	Magazine	Epilepsy: Her Storms	Served	Charlie Rose	News	Investigative Reports (R)	News	CTV News	Married...	Addams	Sportsdesk (R)	News	Discover Magazine (R)	Enquirer	Gargoyles	Friends	Caroline	Paid Prog.	
11:30 PM		News	Imprint Agatha Christie.	News	News	Late Show		Nightline	News	Mad	Beasties		Open Mike	Bewitched	Afraid?					

10:00 am CITY 29 ★★"French Silk" (1994, Mystery) Susan Lucci. A homicide detective is torn between suspicion and overwhelming attraction for his murder suspect, a lingerie designer.

11:00 am WTBS ③ ★★"The Sheepman" (1958, Western) Glenn Ford. A shepherd attempts to outwit his enemies while driving his animals through cattle country.

AFTERNOON

2:00 pm YTV ⑬ ★★"An American Tail" (1986, Fantasy) Voices of Phillip Glasser. Animated. A Russian immigrant mouse finds himself alone in New

York City after being separated from his family. (In Stereo)

5:00 pm WGN 33 ★★"Rocky V" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. The former heavyweight champ puts his personal life on the ropes to train a promising young fighter. (In Stereo)

5:05 pm WTBS ③ ★★"Pretty Woman" (1990, Comedy-Drama) Richard Gere. A business executive attempts to transform a vulgar streetwalker into a sophisticated female companion.

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY 29 "Change of Heart" (1993, Drama) Sarah Campbell. An 8-year-old faced

with foster care enlists the aid of her roguish uncle to help her find the father she never knew.

7:40 pm WTBS ③ ★★"Star Wars" (1977, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill. George Lucas' revamped version of his space opera about rebels and robots united against the evil Galactic Empire.

8:00 pm FAM 26 ★★"The Secret of NIMH 2: Timmy to the Rescue" (1998, Adventure) Voices of Dom DeLuise. Animated. A young field mouse leaves the safety of his home to rescue some captive laboratory mice. (In Stereo)

9:05 pm CITY 29 ★★"Twins" (1986, Comedy) Arnold

Schwarzenegger. A genetically enhanced ideal man discovers he has a less-than-perfect specimen of a twin brother.

9:10 pm FAM 26 ★★"The Boy Who Could Fly" (1986, Drama) Lucy Deakins. Friendship develops between a teen-ager and her neighbor, an autistic boy who seems to live in a world of his own. (In Stereo)

10:25 pm WTBS ③ ★★"Poltergeist II" (1986, Horror) JoBeth Williams. An American Indian medicine man lends his spiritual strength to the Fraeling family as they flee from vengeful spirits.

11:05 pm CITY 29 "Change of Heart" (1993, Drama) Sarah

Campbell. An 8-year-old faced with foster care enlists the aid of her roguish uncle to help her find the father she never knew.

The Universe doesn't care whether you go to the River of Life with a teaspoon or a bucket!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000

YELLOW ZONES - MOD COST GREEN ZONES - LOW COST

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and 24 rows of program listings.

Wednesday Movies

10:00 am CITY 29 ★★"Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A genetically enhanced ideal man discovers he has a less-than-perfect specimen of a twin brother.

11:00 am WTBS 3 ★★"Torpedo Run" (1958, Drama) Glenn Ford. A personal vendetta leads a World War II submarine commander on a relentless quest to sink a Japanese aircraft carrier.

AFTERNOON

2:00 pm YTV 18 ★★"An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" (1991, Adventure) Voices of Phillip Glasser. Animated. Fievel the mouse encounters a villainous feline when he and his family move to the untamed West.

5:00 pm WGN 33 ★★"The First Power" (1990, Horror) Lou Diamond Phillips. A detective and a psychic are stalked by a killer whose pact with the devil has allowed him to return from the grave.

EVENING

8:00 pm CITY 29 ★★"Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. Gambling, goodfellas and Wayne Newton await the Griswolds during an ill-fated family excursion in Las Vegas.

8:00 pm CITY 12 ★★"Waiting to Exhale" (1995, Drama) Whitney Houston. Four single women face the complexities of life and modern relationships as they each search for the perfect man.

FAM 26 ★★"Shipwrecked" (1990, Adventure) Stan Smestad. A cabin boy finds excitement at sea when his ship's first officer is revealed to be a treasure-seeking pirate.

9:00 pm KREM 8 ★★"Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. Gambling, goodfellas and Wayne Newton await the Griswolds during an ill-fated family excursion in Las Vegas.

BCTV 11 ★★"Don Juan DeMarco" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Marlon Brando. An aging psychiatrist is revitalized by the romantic philosophies of a dashing but emotionally troubled young patient.

9:05 pm CITY 29 ★★"True Colors" (1991, Drama) John Cusack. Ambition leads to betrayal as two college friends from radically different backgrounds pursue their respective careers.

9:35 pm FAM 23 ★★"Little Spies" (1986, Adventure) Mickey Rooney. A reclusive World War II veteran helps a group of children put the bite on the kennel owner who kidnapped their dog.

11:05 pm WTBS 3 ★★"Bad Day at Black Rock" (1955, Drama) Spencer Tracy. A stranger incurs the wrath of racists when he arrives with a medal for a fallen Japanese-American war hero's family.

11:25 pm CITY 29 ★★"Sea of Sand" (1958, Adventure) Richard Attenborough. A mine expert and a desert patrol commander clash on a mission in World War II Africa to annihilate an Axis fuel dump.

Arena Events

March 17, 18, 19 - Gents Hockey Tournament
April 29 - Lions Flea Market and Auction
May 5 and 6 - TRADE SHOW

ICE GOES OUT MARCH 28

Arena Schedule

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Minor Hockey games
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Public Skating
7:30 - 10:45 p.m. - Minor Hockey
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Minor Hockey games
4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - free public skate
6:15 to 8:45 p.m. - Figure Skating
9:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Adult Recreational Hockey
Monday - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. School rental
11:00 a.m. to noon - adult/tot/senior
1:15 to 3:00 p.m. - Stick and Puck
3:20 - 7:00 p.m. - Figure Skating
7:15 - 8:45 p.m. - Pumpkins hockey
9:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Midget practice
Tuesday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m. to Noon - School rental
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 1:15 TO 2:30 P.M. - Stick & Puck
Tuesday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - Tykes practice
4:15 - 5:10 - Atom practice 5:20 - 6:15 - Novice practice
6:30 - 7:30 - Pee wee practice 7:45 - 8:45 - Bantam practice
9 - 10:30 p.m. Adult recreational hockey
Wednesday - 1:15 - 2 30 p.m. Adult/tot/senior
3:20 - 7:45 p.m. - Figure Skating
7:45 - 8:45 - Minor Hockey Drop In
9 - 10:00 p.m. - Midget practice
Thursday - 4 - 5:00 p.m. - Tykes practice
5:15 - 6:15 p.m. - Atom practice
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Pee wee practice
7:45 - 8:45 p.m. - Bantam practice
9 - 10:30 p.m. - Adult recreational hockey
Friday - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Loonie public skate
4:45 - 5:45 p.m. - Novice practice
6 - 7:00 p.m. - Ladies Hockey
7:00 - 8:15 p.m. - Public skating
8:15 - 8:45 p.m. - Teen Stick and puck
9 - 10:30 p.m. - Pumpkins Hockey

Power by the Hour Contest Ballot
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Answer to Week

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000

YELLOW ZONES - MOD COST

GREEN ZONES - LOW COST

Television schedule grid with columns for channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and rows for time slots (6 AM to 11:30 PM).

Thursday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. Gambling, goodfellas and Wayne Newton await the Griswolds during an ill-fated family excursion in Las Vegas. (In Stereo) (C)

AFTERNOON

2:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "Jetsons: The Movie" (1990, Comedy) Voices of George O'Hanlon. Animated. George Jetson learns that Spacely Sprockets is conducting unsound mining operations on a distant asteroid. (In Stereo) (C)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Eraser" (1996, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger. An agent for the Witness Protection Program unearths a mole in his own department while guarding a young woman. (C)

when the captain of a Soviet nuclear submarine sets a course for the Maine coast.

8:00 pm FOX (25) ★★ "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Wyatt Earp and his close friend Doc Holliday join forces to break the Clanton gang's lawless grip on Tombstone, Ariz. (In Stereo) (C)

FAM (26) ★★ "The Happiest Millionaire" (1967, Musical) Fred MacMurray. The impending marriage of two young people in 1916 is threatened by the rivalry between their wealthy families. (In Stereo)

9:35 pm CITY (29) ★★ "My Left Foot" (1989, Biography) Daniel Day-Lewis. Christy Brown rises above the debilitating effects of cerebral palsy to become an accomplished artist and writer.

10:35 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "True Grit" (1969, Western) John Wayne. John Wayne won an Oscar as Rooster Cogburn, a lawman recruited by a teen seeking revenge on her father's murderer.

11:45 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Captain Boycott" (1947, Drama) Stewart Granger. Tenant farmers revolt against a wealthy landowner who threatens to evict them.

Knowing others is wisdom; Knowing self is enlightenment Mastering others requires force; Mastering self needs strength. - Lao Tsu

THE NEWS LEADER WORD SEARCH

Word search grid containing letters arranged in rows and columns for a search puzzle.

LET'S TALK ABOUT "ST. PATRICK'S DAY"

List of St. Patrick's Day related words: SAINT IRELAND SNAKES BLARNEY TAM LEPRECHAUN SHAMROCK GREEN MARCH SEVENTEENTH STEW POTATO STOUT IRISH DITTY JIG CELEBRATION ANNUAL FESTIVITY GOLD RAINBOW MAGIC LUCK MYTH

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2000

Television schedule grid with columns for channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and rows for time slots (6 AM to 11 PM). Includes program titles like 'Little House', 'Mama', 'Matlock', 'The Nutty Professor', 'Frasier', 'The Simpsons', etc.

Friday Movies

MORNING
10:00 am WTBS (3) ★★★★★ "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne. John Ford's classic about an Irish-American prizefighter's return to Ireland in search of peace.
CITY (29) ★★★★★ "The Nutty Professor" (1963, Comedy) Jerry Lewis. A meek professor is transformed into an irresistible charmer who can have any woman except the one he wants.
AFTERNOON
2:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "Trading Mom" (1994, Fantasy) Sissy Spacek. A mysterious old woman prescribes an ancient magic spell when three siblings seek to replace their busy mother.
5:00 pm WGN (38) ★★★★★ "The Commitments" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Robert Arkins. An idealistic manager assembles a motley group of working-class musicians to play classic soul in the pubs of Dublin.
5:05 pm WTBS (3) ★★★★★ "Fargo" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Frances McDormand. A pregnant police chief probes the murderous events that evolved from a desperate car salesman's kidnapping scheme.
7:20 pm WTBS (3) ★★★★★ "Edward Scissorhands" (1990, Fantasy) Johnny Depp. A deceased inventor's unfinished creation becomes the center of suburban attention. Directed by Tim Burton.

8:00 pm FAM (26) ★★★★★ "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Fantasy) Gene Wilder. A world-famous confectioner offers a lifetime supply of candy to the five winners of a treasure hunt.
9:00 pm BCTV (11) "The Lost Daughter" (1993, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) Richard Chamberlain. A businessman joins forces with his missing daughter's former roommate to expose the truth behind a cult's activities.
9:40 pm WTBS (3) ★★★★★ "Wargames" (1983, Drama) Matthew Broderick. A teen computer whiz unwittingly challenges the Defense Department's war-simulations computer to a game of nuclear war.
11:05 pm CITY (29) ★★★★★ "The Nutty Professor" (1963, Comedy) Jerry Lewis. A meek professor is transformed into an irresistible charmer who can have any woman except the one he wants.
11:20 pm FAM (26) ★★★★★ "Herbie Goes Bananas" (1980, Comedy) Cloris Leachman. The independent-minded Volkswagen and its latest owners run into trouble when they head south for a Brazilian road race.

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- ACROSS
1. Series about attorneys (2)
8. Mr. Dithers' wife in the comic strip Blondie
9. Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
10. Actress on Work With Me (2)
14. Improvement
15. TV alien's home
16. Word in the title of Eckholdt's old series
17. Western Indians
18. Spike
19. Kennedy and Knight
20. Word with rain or test
24. 92 years before Columbus' trip
27. Jennifer-Hewitt connector
28. The Ball \_\_; '79 Julie Harris movie
29. Do Anything; '94 Nick Nolte film
32. Facial expression
33. Role on Everybody Loves Raymond (2)
36. Kid whose dad was a sheriff from '60-'68
37. Wilma's man
38. Deal (1963-76)

- DOWN
1. Lathered
2. Gunsmoke star
3. The \_\_ Davis Show ('74-'76)
4. Part of NYPD
5. Mauna \_\_
8. Blacksmith's block
7. Actor on The Waltons
8. \$100 (hyph. wd.)
11. Half of Ma's first name
12. Initials for Reid of Sister, Sister
13. ENE plus 90 degrees
14. The Little \_\_; '57 Ava Gardner film

TV CROSSWORD



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- 20. Primary runner (2)
21. Part of the eye
22. Vine-covered
23. TV room, often
24. Monogram for a Spin City actor
25. Dinah Manoff's Empty Nest role ('88-'95)
26. Window covering
29. Men for Tina and Mamie, once
30. Initials for Bogey's love
31. Doctors (1998-99)
34. Word with wit or pick
35. Caroline's late uncle, for short

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION MARCH 7
JUDSONMILLS
ENIDOLLIE
DADARTBAN
FAMILYGUY
FILEAURIA
SNOWESP
TSUGOES
EGGSIPS
MARKSLOAN
MAYAMFAN
NETSALDA
STREETBLUES
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TV Crossword

This Week's solution will be in the next Issue of NEWS LEADER 295-4149



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2000

'GREEN ZONES' - LOW COST

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Sunday Movies

MORNING

7:35 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Footloose" (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon. A big-city teen rallies his new small-town friends against a minister opposing their right to dance.
9:55 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Honeymoon in Vegas" (1992, Comedy) James Caan. An offbeat triangle forms among a private eye, his fiancée and the gambler who won the bride-to-be in a poker game.
10:00 am FAM (26) ★★½ "Benji the Hunted" (1987, Adventure) Benji. Bears, wolves and eagles threaten the resourceful canine's mission to protect four orphaned cougar cubs. (In Stereo) (S)
WGN (3) ★★½ "Benefit of the Doubt" (1993, Suspense) Donald Sutherland. A woman fears the return of her recently paroled father 22 years after her suspect testimony convicted him of murder.
11:00 am A&E (9) ★★½ "Krakatoa, East of Java" (1969, Adventure) Diane Baker. Treasure-seekers are caught up in a massive tidal wave caused by the eruption of an active volcano.
11:55 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta. A 1950s high-school tough tries to win back the Australian exchange student he romanced during summer vacation.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm CITY (28) ★★½ "White Squall" (1996, Drama) Jeff Bridges. A ship's captain finds his reputation called into question after he and his teen-age students encounter tragedy at sea. (In Stereo) (S)
WGN (3) ★★½ "One Good Cop" (1991, Drama) Michael

Keaton. A New York detective is forced outside the law when a gunman kills his partner, leaving him guardian of three children. (In Stereo)
12:15 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad" (1949, Fantasy) Voices of Bing Crosby. Animated. Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows." (S)
1:30 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "Cool Hand Luke" (1967, Drama) Paul Newman. A gutsy prisoner earns the admiration of inmates and the wrath of guards by constant defiance and bids for freedom.
2:00 pm WGN (3) ★★½ "Texasville" (1990, Drama) Jeff Bridges. The residents of Anarene, Texas, prepare for their county's centennial in this sequel to "The Last Picture Show." (S)
2:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "A League of Their Own" (1992, Comedy) Geena Davis. An account of the women who took to the diamond in 1943 to form the All American Girls Professional Baseball League.
3:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★½ "First Kid" (1996, Comedy) Sinbad. An unconventional Secret Service agent accepts the arduous task of guarding the president's rebellious teen-age son. (S)
KTLA (27) ★★½ "The Freshman" (1990, Comedy) Marion Brando. A mobster with an uncanny resemblance to "The Godfather" makes a college film student an offer he can't refuse.
4:00 pm BCTV (11) ★★½ "Jetsons: The Movie" (1990, Comedy) Voices of George O'Hanion. Animated. George Jetson learns that Spacely Sprockets is conducting unsound mining operations on a distant asteroid.
WGN (3) ★★½ "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy) Walter

Matthau. Based on the comic strip by Hank Ketcham about a mischievous boy whose antics annoy his grumpy old neighbor Mr. Wilson.
5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "In Love and War" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock. The biographical account of author Ernest Hemingway's pivotal romance with a Red Cross nurse in World War I Italy.
KTLA (27) ★★½ "Billy Bathgate" (1991, Drama) Dustin Hoffman. Based on E.L. Doctorow's novel of 1930s mobster Dutch Schultz, as seen through the eyes of his trusted protege.
5:30 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "The Ghost and the Darkness" (1996, Suspense) Michael Douglas. In turn-of-the-century Africa, two hunters stalk a pair of near-supernatural, man-eating lions. Based on a true story. (In Stereo) (S)
EVENING
7:00 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "The Case of the Hillside Stranglers" (1989, Drama) Richard Crenna. A fact-based recounting of the capture and conviction of the men responsible for a string of Los Angeles killings.
KXLY (10) ★★½ "The Flintstones" (1994, Comedy) John Goodman. A scheming secretary and a nagging mother-in-law cause trouble for a blue-collar caveman. Based on the popular cartoon. (In Stereo) (S)
7:25 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "In Love and War" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock. The biographical account of author Ernest Hemingway's pivotal romance with a Red Cross nurse in World War I Italy.
8:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★½ "The English Patient" (1996, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) Ralph Fiennes. Nine Oscars went to this multilayered tale of a badly burned plane-crash survivor and a tragic love affair.

FAM (26) ★★½ "The Whole of the Moon" (1996, Drama) Toby Fisher. A New Zealand teen-ager and a homeless tomboy become fast friends during their stay in a hospital's cancer ward. (In Stereo) (S)
8:30 pm KHQ (7) VTV (22) ★★½ "The Ghost and the Darkness" (1996, Suspense) Michael Douglas. In turn-of-the-century Africa, two hunters stalk a pair of near-supernatural, man-eating lions. Based on a true story. (In Stereo) (S)
9:00 pm KREM (8) "The Color of Love: Jacey's Story" (2000, Drama) Louis Gossett Jr. Premiere. A white grandmother and black grandfather put aside their differences in order to care for their orphaned granddaughter.
9:35 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "The Paper Brigade" (1996, Adventure) Robert Englund. A small-town paperboy and his nerdy buddies fight back when a local bully tries to take over their turf. (In Stereo) (S)
9:50 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "A League of Their Own" (1992, Comedy) Geena Davis. An account of the women who took to the diamond in 1943 to form the All American Girls Professional Baseball League.
11:00 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "The Case of the Hillside Stranglers" (1989, Drama) Richard Crenna. A fact-based recounting of the capture and conviction of the men responsible for a string of Los Angeles killings.

Community Datebook

- March
15 - Hedley OAPO cards, darts, pool lunch 11 am Wednesdays
Vermilion Trails meeting 7:30 pm Town Hall
16 - Fall Fair meeting Town Hall 7 pm
17 - Darts night Hedley Community Club 8 pm 19+ years old only
17,18,19 - Gents Tournament Princeton arena
18 - Otter Valley Fish and Game annual banquet Tulameen
19 - Keremeos Handbell Choir health centre fundraiser at Similkameen Christian Fellowship Church 2:30 p.m.
20 - meeting Breast Cancer Support group 7 pm Penticton Carmi Avenue Health Centre 494-8086
24 - Darts night Hedley Community Club 8 pm 19+ years old only
25 - Bunchgrass Quilters meet contact 295-6808 or 295-6429
30 - Princeton Town meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Skills Centre
31 - Darts night Hedley Community Hall 8 pm 19+ years old only
April
1 - Whist and Crib Sr Citizens Hall Princeton 1 pm incl. lunch
2 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
4 - Rodeo Club HERITAGE DINNER Princeton Hotel 6 pm
8 - Rotary/Foundation Spring Gala



MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000

YELLOW ZONES - MOD COST GREEN ZONES - LOW COST

	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	KSPS (6)	KHQ (7)	KREM (8)	A&E (9)	KXLY (10)	BCTV (11)	CITY (12)	YTV (13)	TSN (14)	VTV (15)	DISC (16)	FOX (17)	FAM (18)	KTLA (19)	CITY (20)	WGN (21)	
6 AM	Little House	News	(Off Air)	Body Elec.	News	News	Night Court	(5:00) News	(5:30) News	(5:00) News	Incredible	Sportsdes	VTV	Discovery	Bullwinkle	Hello	News	Maury	Wayans	
7 AM	Little House	Dressup	Teletubbs	Dragon	Today	Early Show	Murder, She Wrote	Good Morning America			Panda	Sportsdes		Gardener	Wacky	GummiBr	Morning News	Cityline	Knight Rider	
8 AM	Mama	Huntley Street	Zoboo	Barney			Magnum, P.I.		Canada AM (Left In Progress)	100 Huntley Street	Flintstones	Sportsdes		Wild Discovery	Sister, Sis.	Art Attack		Star Trek: Next Gener.	Matlock	
9 AM	Mama	Robison	Teletubbs	Teletubbs							Mouse	k (R)		Design (R)	Paid Prog.	Babar	Sally	News	Hawaii	
10 AM	Matlock "The Singer"	Martin Short	Moose	Sesame Street (R)	Regis & Kathie	Ainsley Harriott	L.A. Law	Martha Stewart Living		Dinner	Bananas	Off-Record	Regis & Kathie	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Katie-Orbie		City	Five-0	
11 AM	Hunter	Price Is Right	Imprint Spalding Gray	Zoboo	Later Today	Price Is Right	Law & Order "Discord"	The View	Movie	Dave Rutherford	Kitty Cats	Fit Kick	The View	Discovery	Forgive or Forget	Billy Cat	Sally	Movie: "Wuthering Heights" (1992, Drama)	News	
12 PM	"Kenny Rogers as the Gambler, Part II"	Young and the Restless	Can. Women's	Sit-Be Fit Fine Art	People's Court	Young and the Restless	Northern Exposure	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	News	Panda	Be-Player	Vicki Gabereau	Beyond 2000	Montel Williams	Out of Bx	Lane		MacGyver	
1 PM	Cosby	Movie	Foodstuff	Forgotten Florida	Days of Our Lives	As the World Turns	Murder, She Wrote	One Life to Live	House	Movie	Batman	NBA	3rd Rock	Forbidden Places (R)	Jerry Springer	Timon	Little House	Cityline	Caroline	
2 PM	Cosby	Wallin	Family						Bold & B.	Grace	Country Mouse	Boxing: Floyd Mayweather vs. Goyo Vargas (R)	One Life to Live	Inquiring	Divorce	Clarissa	Coach	News	Bazz!	
3 PM	Full House	Coronat'n	Mathshop	Memories	Passions	Guiding Light	Magnum, P.I.	General Hospital	Passions	Nanny				Wild	Paid Prog.	Art Attack	Pokemon	Enquirer	Cosby	
4 PM	Full House	Urban P.	Inquiring	Yoga						Rosie O'Donnell	Forgotten	Off-Record	Dini (R)	How'd They Do That?	Magie Bus	Goof Troop	Cartoonie	News	Wayans	
5 PM	Roseanne	Edifton	Trees	Mr Rogers	Rosie O'Donnell	Judy	L.A. Law	Hollywood	Martin Short	Young and the Restless	Monster	Hockey	ER	Discovery	Sherlock	Timon	Pokemon	Seinfeld	Full House	
6 PM	Roseanne	Mad	20 Minutes	Arthur (R)	Judy			Fam. Feud	Young and the Restless	Uh Oh!	Sportsdesk		News	Wild	Caroline	Doug	Sister, Sis.	Movie: "A Tale of Two Bunnies" (2000) Premiere.	Movie: "Limit Up" (1989, Comedy) Nancy Allen.	
7 PM	Fresh Pr.	Rosie O'Donnell	Mechanics	Zoom (R)	Jeopardy!	Oprah Winfrey	Law & Order "Discord"	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	Digimon	Boxing (Taped)	News	Discovery	Digimon	Hercules	Batman	Friends	Full House	
8 PM	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Miami	Friends	Days-Shook the World	News-Lehrer	News	News	Investigative Reports	News	News	70s Show	Addams	WWF: Raw is War	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Colorado Avalanche (Live)	Champions	3rd Rock	Honey	Fresh Pr.			
9 PM	Heat (Live)	News	Foodstuff	Antiques Roadshow (R)	Jeopardy!	Seinfeld	City Confidential (R)	Carey	Fortune	Practice (R)	Freaky		Colorado Avalanche (Live)	Land of the Ice Bear	Star Trek: Voyager	Blossom	Friends	V.I.P. (R)	News	
10 PM	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Phoenix Suns (Live)	Hollywood	Family	Freake and Geeks	King Grapevine	Law & Order	Movie: "A Tale of Two Bunnies" (2000) Premiere.	Twenty One	Dharma	Holmes	Sportsdes			70s Show	Discovery	70s Show	Movie: "Can of Worms" (1999)	Buffy Vampire	Movie: "Witness" (1985)	Movie: "In the Heat of the Night"
11 PM	Inside NBA	National Magazine	Independent Eye	Vicar-Dibly Served	Third Watch	Family Law	Investigative Reports	Peter Jennings	Third Watch	News	Student			Champions	News	Picking, Field Goal	News (ESP)	Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis.	Matlock	
	Movie: "The Fog" (1980, Horror)	News	Dottos	Charlie Rose	News	News	City Confidential (R)	News	CTV News	Married...	Addams	Sportsdes	News	Land of the Ice Bear	Enquirer	Gargoyles	Friends	Cityline	Paid Prog.	

Monday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★½ "Wuthering Heights" (1992, Drama) Juliette Binoche. Based on Emily Bronte's classic tale of the doomed romance between an orphaned stableboy and an aristocrat's daughter. (E)

11:00 am WTBS (3) ★½ "Kenny Rogers as the Gambler, Part II - The Adventure Continues" (1983, Western) (Part 1 of 2) Kenny Rogers. Brady Hawkes teams up with a sharpshooting singer to save his son from the train robbers holding the boy hostage.

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm CITY (29) "A Tale of Two Bunnies" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Marina Black. Premiere. Two friends audition to become Playboy Bunnies in Hugh Hefner's 1961 Chicago Playboy Club. (In Stereo) (E)

WGN (33) ★★ "Limit Up" (1989, Comedy) Nancy Allen. A devilish stranger offers a determined woman success as a high-powered commodities trader in exchange for her soul.

EVENING

8:00 pm KXLY (10) "A Tale of Two Bunnies" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Marina Black. Premiere. Two friends audition to become Playboy Bunnies in Hugh Hefner's 1961 Chicago Playboy Club. (In Stereo) (E)

FAM (26) "Can of Worms" (1999, Science Fiction) Voice of Malcolm McDowell. A teen-ager finds himself in a jam when both friendly and hostile aliens answer his messages to outer space. (In Stereo)

9:05 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "Witness" (1985, Drama) Harrison Ford. A tough

cop takes refuge in Amish country when corrupt officers come after the young murder witness in his charge. (E)

9:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "The Garbage-Picking, Field Goal-Kicking, Philadelphia Phenomenon" (1998, Comedy) Tony Danza. A sanitation worker lets success go to his head when his great kicking ability lands him a slot on a pro football team. (In Stereo) (E)

10:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Fog" (1980, Horror) Adrienne Barbeau. An ominous mist and a 100-year-old curse bring death and destruction to a sleepy town on the California coast.

11:26 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Finian's Rainbow" (1968, Musical) Fred Astaire. An angry leprechaun heads to America to reclaim the pot of gold a simple-minded Irish immigrant stole from him.

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Mahoney said to his friend McFadden, "I haven't been feelin' myself lately." "Tis a good thing too," says McFadden, "Twas a nasty habit!"

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the pub one night, his car weaving violently all over the road. A policeman pulls him over. "So," says the policeman, "where have you been?" "Why, I've been to the pub, of course," says the Irishman. "Well," says the policeman, "It looks like you've had quite a few pints this evenin'." "I did all right," says the Irishman with a smile. The policeman folded his arms across his chest and said sternly, "Did you know that a few inter-sections back away, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," says the Irishman, "For a minute there, I thought I was goin' deaf!"

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Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in? I've somethin' to tell ya," says Tim. "Come in, Tim, you're always welcome," says Brenda, "but where's my husband?" "That's what I'm here to be tellin' ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the Guinness Brewery....." "Oh, no!" cries Brenda. "Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry, Brenda," says Tim. "How did it happen, Tim?" "It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and

drowned." "Oh, my sweet heaven! Tell me true. Tim. Did he go quickly?" "No, he did not," says Tim. "Fact is, he got out three times to relieve himself."

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Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service and she's in tears. Father O'Grady says, "What's bothering you, my dear?" "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night." Father O'Grady says, "Oh, Mary, that is terrible! Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?" "That he did, Father." "Ah, Mary, what did he ask?" "He said, please, Mary, put down that damn gun!"

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# Regional District Chair reports on economic development plans

by Roger Mayer, Chair, Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen  
Similkameen - We have entered a new century armed with the experience of the past and an awareness of the need to provide unified municipal and rural area leadership to achieve our corporate vision and mission statement objectives for the benefit of our regional constituents.

With that in mind, on February 17, 2000, Director Mike Pearce, Economic Development Committee Chair, encouraged municipal councils and rural area directors to support the adoption of a new region-wide economic development services bylaw. He successfully urged his colleagues to join together to "shake" the regional community out of a state of complacency in order to effectively address critical economic development issues via endorsement of the following Y2000 work program.

Y2000 Economic Development Work Plan -

### 1. High tech

#### Smart Communities

Circulate a public opinion survey on a community by community basis to:

i) identify and prioritize Smart Community and E-government needs

ii) identify potential public/private partnership opportunities

iii) apprise government agencies (i.e. municipalities, regional districts, regional health boards, school districts and post secondary institutions) municipal chambers of commerce and the general public of the findings.

### Sustainable Tourism Program

#### a) Create Flexible "Just in Time" training Programs

Working in collaboration with Okanagan University College, this initiative will develop hands-on training programs focusing on specialty/niche tourism business development. Five workshops will be designed to present the issues and solutions that affect marketing, new technologies, communications, access to federal programs, financing and local government tourism policy development. Specific course curriculum will focus on unique material such as natural and cultural interpretation, guide outfitting and developing a regional recognized standard for service excellence.

#### b) Integrate Regional Marketing through E-Commerce

Based on existing print materials of the regional "Circle Tour" program, this initiative will launch a "Virtual Kiosk" on Internet and utilize a series of existing Federal Community Access Program public sites across Canada. The purpose will be to promote the unique attractions of the South Okanagan-Similkameen region in a cost-effective manner. Further, to ensure private sector capacity within this e-commerce program, this initiative will work with education institutions to provide introductory courses centered around the computer as a communication tool and increase tourist operators' familiarity with Internet and Web page design. By encouraging the

pooling of private sector resources to develop and maintain the "Virtual Kiosk" opportunities will open to access the Federal Canadian Tourism Commission programs and the Provincial "Partners in Progress" program for regional marketing.

#### c) Remove legislative and policy barriers to growth

A component of this project will include a review of local and regional policies to encourage, if necessary, any amendments necessary to eliminate barriers to niche tourism development and growth.

#### d) Adopt a regional code of conduct

The South Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys support relatively undisturbed ecosystems that host some of the most diverse, rare and unique assemblages of plant and animal species in British Columbia and Canada, and contain significant cultural and heritage sites. These valleys are home to more than 100 distinct types of wildlife habitat and are home to 30 per cent of the province's red list vertebrates. Proponents of this project are keenly aware of the fine line that must be walked between opening access for responsible tourism development and keeping environmental impacts to a minimum.

This unique area is what draws tourists and it will be the careful management of the natural and cultural environment that will allow this area to prosper in the future. With this in mind, this initiative will work with such organizations as the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, local naturalist groups and tourist operators to develop and adopt a regional code of conduct for tourism development and tourist activities.

#### e) Increasing access to capital from within

A link often missing in the development of new opportunities in tourism in the Southern Interior, as in most rural communities, is access to capital. The niche businesses involved in sustainable tourism are extremely dependent on lending institutions being able to understand the potential of a business based on quality informa-

tion and management skills as opposed to traditional loans based on assets. This project will attempt to break down those barriers to obtaining a uniquely local "risk" financing program to support the development of this new industry for the region. Those financial agencies that will be approached to be involved in this process include: Community Futures Development Corporation, Business Development Bank of Canada, venture capital programs such as the Canadian Community Investment Program and Working Opportunity Fund, local credit unions and government assistance programs such as Western Economic Diversification.

#### f) Undertake a long term tourism resource analysis

One key attribute of many successful tourism initiatives is the ability to adapt to rapidly changing demands. Consequently, issues and problems can lead to opportunities. A detailed resource analysis will be prepared to review the existing planning processes across the tourism sector within the region from marketing to management information services, human resources, financing and technology to ensure that the strategic issues are identified and addressed. This process will enable businesses, local governments and funding agencies to detect, recognize and adapt to and refine budgeting and control systems to assist with the positive enhancement of the emerging niche tourism business sector.

#### g) Form a long term industry partnership

Economic professionals, regional tourist associations, area chambers of commerce, educational institutions, federal and provincial agencies, financial institutions and tourist operators will form a lasting partnership to continue to create new mechanisms to support the emergence of sustainable rural tourism. This unique representational scheme provides the necessary cross-communication venue to promote co-ordination between the activities within individual municipalities and rural areas of the region in the implementation of this initiative.

## This is a good book for groups wanting money

Groups often ask, "Where can we get the money?"

There is a book available to give you the answer. It is called Canadian Subsidy Directory Year 2000 edition. It lists private financing, foundations, federal and provincial programs. There are more than 1700 programs, loans, grants and subsidies available, and more than 600 are new. Each program is described and toll free numbers given.

Many of the grants and subsidies are available to help businesses. Examples include: Self-employment Program, Beginning Farmer Program, Young Entrepreneur's Financing Program, Export Financial Assistance Program, and Loans Program.

The cost of the book is \$39.95, and VISA is accepted. Call toll free 1-800-301-8093 or pick up a mail order form at the News Leader office or Chamber of Commerce Office east of the blue bridge.

## Council plans water to park

Princeton - Putting water into two lots in the industrial park will cost an estimated \$80,000 Councillor Dan Sulentic reported on March 6. He has been working with a local contractor to establish a cost and a works plan. Some of the work may be done by Town crew working with the contractor.



Princeton and District Community Skills Centre and The Bridge held an Open House on March 8. Above, left to right, Christiane Gosselin, Marg Johnson, Geri Logan and Brad Hope enjoy coffee and a good conversation during the Open House.

## Adults still need The Bridge

Princeton - Adults of all ages need education. Jaymie Atkinson, Administrator of Princeton Centre for Lifelong Learning, commonly known as The Bridge, reported to the school board on March 8 regarding educational needs of the district's adults.

There are 82 students at The Bridge this year. Their needs vary. Some need to complete secondary school in order to advance in their employ-

ment. Some need to pick up courses required by post-secondary institutions. These students plan further education. Some need to widen their options by completing secondary school graduation. Some attend to

acquire specific training, such as those who take the accounting or business computer or entrepreneurship courses, all of which are new this year to meet students' needs.

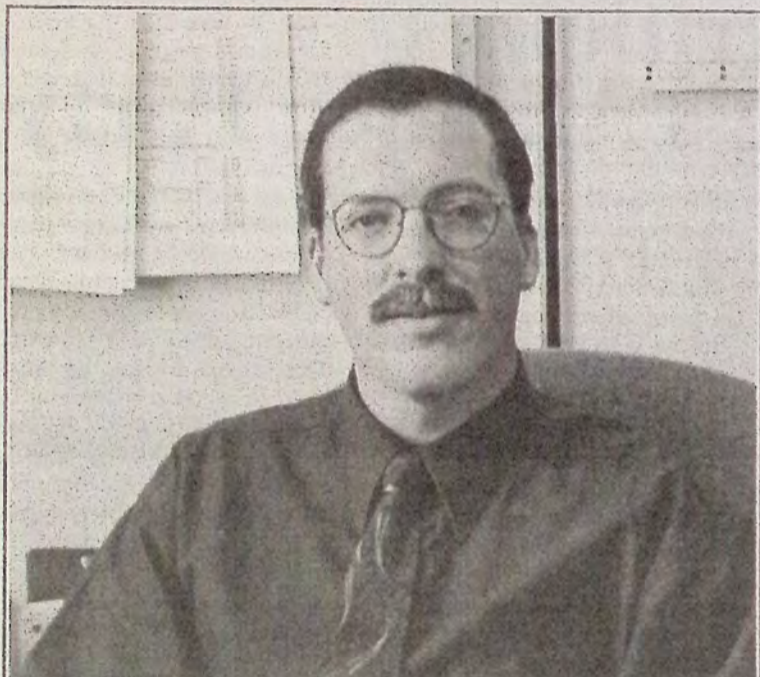
In the future, Atkinson said, The Bridge hopes to add a forestry/woodlands program which will give students skills to take them from the classroom to the job. She said she wants to see them complete this training with certification in pesticide application, firefighting and perhaps chainsaw operation, along with safety training.

Atkinson assured trustees that students at The Bridge write government examinations. She added that students at The Bridge tend to achieve higher marks on government exams than the provincial average.

The Bridge offers the service of administering examinations for post-secondary institutions, allowing local students to remain in the Princeton area rather than travelling to the institution.

On a question from a trustee, Atkinson told board members there are good links between The Bridge and the Skills Centre, but there are many other linkages they could explore as partners for the future.

Trustee Ken Heuser congratulated Atkinson and staff at The Bridge for the excellent work they have done.



Stephen McNiven, new principal at John Allison Elementary School and Tulameen Elementary School, is impressed with a number of things about his new job. See story.

## New Principal is impressed

Stephen McNiven became Principal of John Allison Elementary School and Tulameen Elementary School on February 1. He taught in Merritt for six years, and was co-ordinator of technology before moving to Princeton to begin his first principalship. He teaches Math, spelling and physical education at John Allison Elementary as well as being the administrator of two schools.

McNiven is happy with his teachers, whom he refers to as "a marvelous staff" and he is impressed with the support given the school by the parents and community. He remarked on having had people come in from the community to teach skills to the students, and was pleased with their willingness to give their time. McNiven called the school's Parent Advisory Council "a wonderful PAC."

He has attended a Parent Advisory meeting in Tulameen, where the turnout of parents really surprised him.

"I believe there was at least one parent for every child in the school," he remarked. He likes the support shown by the community in Tulameen, and has already clearly heard the message that they will not easily give up "their" school. McNiven thinks it is a great school.

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## OUR VIEW

### Citizens on Patrol deserve a pat on the back

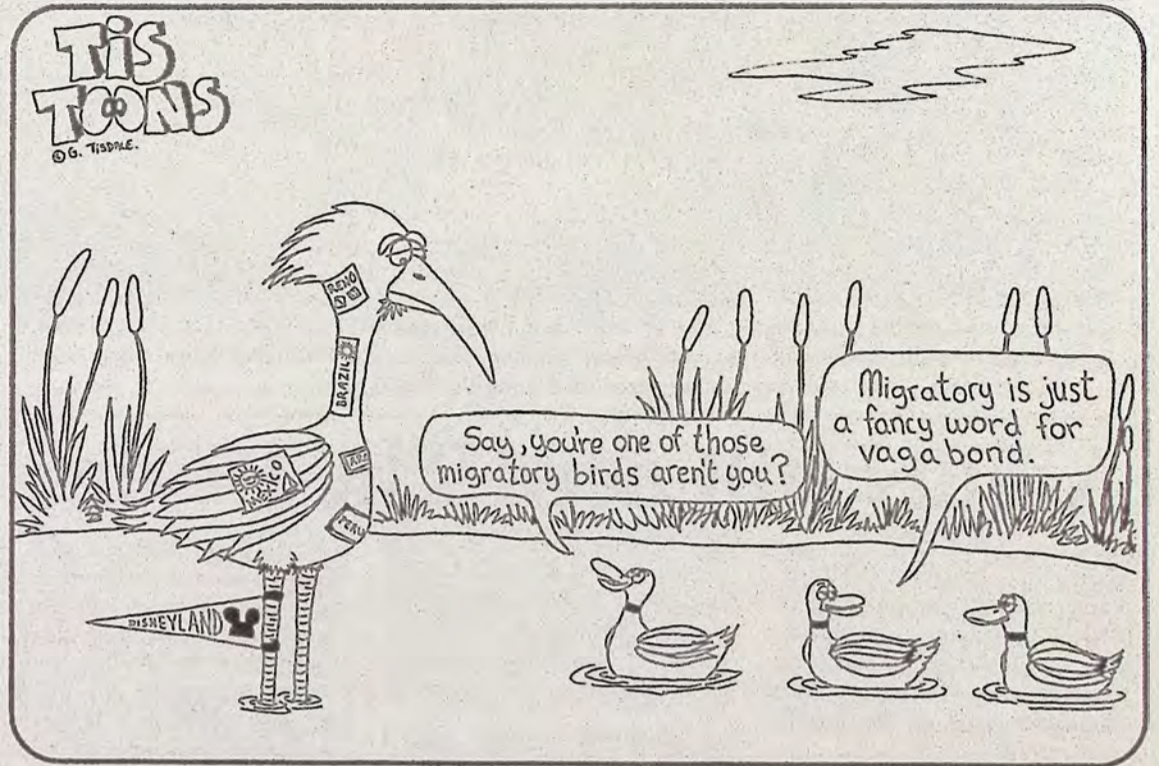
There will be many more eyes watching our streets after midnight, thanks to local people who have volunteered to be Citizens on Patrol. These are ordinary people who are trained by the RCMP. These volunteers will know what to look for, how to describe who and what they see, and when to be suspicious. They will be cruising around after midnight, looking for potential thieves and vandals, and watching them very carefully.

In time, these citizens may begin to recognize the faces they see, and perhaps attach a few names to the faces. If they keep on seeing the same people around after midnight, these Citizens on Patrol will begin to see patterns of behaviour emerging, and will definitely be far better informed about what goes on in town after the RCMP go to sleep.

People in our area have become fed up with the vandalism, break-ins, theft and property damage that have been prevalent in our community for the past year. Business people, people whose homes have been entered, and vehicle owners who have paid the price of vandalism, are claiming back their streets. They have not volunteered to patrol because they want to play some childish game of "cops and robbers". These citizens simply want a community in which the peace is kept and citizens are spared needless expense and worry. These volunteers are simply doing the job of every responsible citizen: they are keeping the peace.

The law in Canada does not say everyone has a right to do as he or she pleases, providing they are not caught. On the contrary, the law in Canada says every citizen has a responsibility to keep the peace or suffer the consequences of prosecution for crime.

We commend these volunteers. Anyone not happy with Citizens on Patrol is more than welcome to move to another town.



## YOUR VIEW

### Reader criticizes Manning's Alliance Party

Dear Editor;

I make these comments after listening to some of the promotional public guffaw of Preston Manning's salesmanship on the radio while he is travelling about Canada and telling everyone what a wonderful Prime Minister he would be if his new-name Alliance Party was to form the next government.

When Reform was born, people had high hopes for the West to finally get some representation (myself included). These hopes started to diminish when we watched Mr. Manning display his integrity and moral principles by refusing the limousine service and residing at the Stornoway House, only to change his mind a month later and to accept the keys to the limo and the mansion on Sussex Drive.

Since then, he has advocated public input but tends to ignore your letters. He has advocated equality and democracy, then wants a deal with Joe Clark not to campaign in the same ridings in Ontario in order not to split votes.

The word "betrayal" really stands out in "the writing on the wall" when the main topic in Manning's platform was to "abolish the GST as it would create more spending and benefit the economy" (unquote).

Now the party is committed to paying down the debt and no mention of the GST in the Alliance policies.

Another quote in the Reform's platform was to "abolish the gun

registry law, as it would not stop the criminals from getting guns" (unquote).

Guess what? Preston Manning is going to replace the current gun law with a law of "his" own.

It's not bad enough that Chretien has overstepped his authority, now another fanatic wants to take over.

I certainly hope that a leadership convention will rid the Party of Preston's Ping Pong Prophecies before the election date is announced.

Joe Clark, of the Progressive Conservative Party (who doesn't

answer his mail either) hasn't even projected a platform yet.

These would-be dictators have to be made accountable before the election with a binding commitment, otherwise it's too late.

Out of four western provinces with only two candidates to choose from, which presently gives us a zero rating, held by one hypocrite and one has-been. It's no wonder the illegal Asian refugees don't even want to stick around "this land of plenty tax."

Yours truly,  
Michael Bunn.

### Hart calls for Chretien's resignation

Dear Editor;

On June 16, 1994, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said in the House of Commons: "There can be no substitute for responsibility at the top. The Prime Minister sets the moral tone for the government and must make the ultimate decisions when issues of trust or integrity are raised. That is what leadership is all about. As Harry Truman put it, the buck stops here. I vow to you, to this House, to Canadians, that I will never abdicate that responsibility. I will never pass the buck."

Since being first elected to the House of Commons in the 1960's, our Prime Minister has been a key player in Liberal governments that have seized

taxpayer dollars to fund ridiculous job creation schemes. These job creation grants, which rarely create any longterm jobs, consume \$1 billion every year. The Human Resources scandal has spawned 19 separate RCMP investigations, three of which are in the Prime Minister's own riding - an unforgivable amount, given the fact there are over 301 ridings in Canada.

What was an issue of financial mismanagement has now blossomed into an issue of responsibility, leadership, trust and integrity.

If the Prime Minister had any sincerity in what he said in 1994, it is now time for him to resign. Jim Hart, MP, Okanagan-Coquihalla.

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# Mine shutdown is a call for town help

by Joe Schwarz, local philosopher and humorist

If you're looking for a job, don't go to Tumbler Ridge. They've closed the mine. It's had a devastating effect on the town, the railroad and the Port of Prince Rupert. The Similkameen, as the bellweather, has experienced: the shutdown of our railroad, mine and cutback in forestry, plus the ripple effect. There could be help for Tumbler Ridge. Why not build a federal or provincial prison or both? It's remote location would be to its advantage. Ottawa (you and I) are already stuck with \$50 million in a loss of mortgage payments plus the social costs. Why not make use of an existing modern town and its amenities?

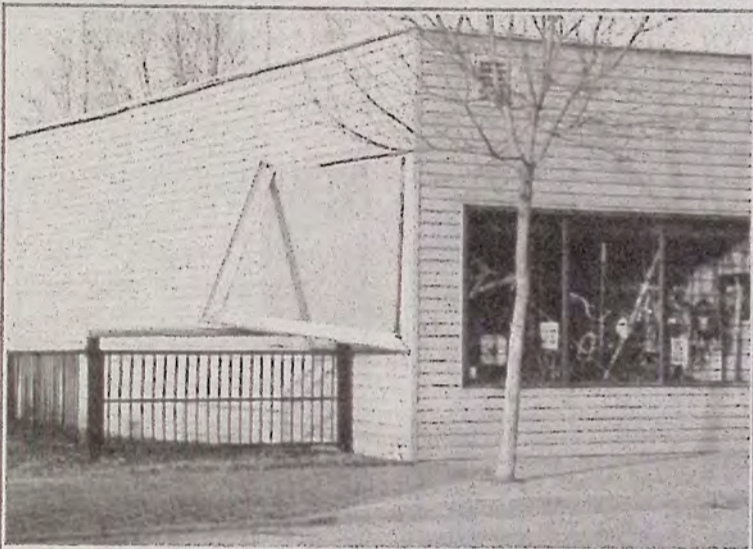
It couldn't lose. Crime is a growing business and sooner or later the mine will be back in production, which will happen in our area. Population growth will require it. Improved technology will allow it. It's true the inmates will have to suffer with a shorter season up north but so do we. What to do with a closure of present lower mainland prisons? First, it alleviates the local pressure. The buildings could be converted to shelter for street people and the homeless, a treatment and training centre for the needy, the hopeless and the suffering as seen in Vancouver east end. A rich, compassionate country should not have the destitute and mentally ill begging on the streets, which is not an uncommon sight. The human person should not have to suffer that indignity.

Just because Princeton received no aid in its time of need doesn't

mean Tumbler Ridge shouldn't. But how about Princeton? It's never too late. It could be the retirement capital of the province. Because of the reasonable cost of property, the surrounding beauty and variety of environment, the lakes, etc. more and more people are retiring here. This could be made more known. We see this in Tulameen, Hedley, Keremeos and probably in the upcoming new age Coalmont. People age, and as age increases and health decreases, retirees gravitate to Princeton, which has an excellent nucleus in services provided by Princeton Community Services, Princeton Hospital, Ridgewood Lodge and

its trained staff and professionals. The retiring population is growing and in a business-employment sense it should be recognized and tapped. As seniors age gradually, and lose their partners, the type of shelter and aid varies.

Our MLA, Mr. Lali, and his government, would do well to promote and vastly expand what we have. We are strategically located far enough and near enough to the lower mainland and the Okanagan. Combined with tourism and other entrepreneurial enterprises and the promotion of our airport, this could be a vibrant, prosperous diversified Similkameen-Tulameen Valley.



This is another example of the ongoing vandalism happening in Princeton for the past year. Somebody ripped down the sign at Princeton Brewing Co./ Backroads Bike Shop last week.

## Heart Food

by Dave Machin

To continue my thought from last week, is God glorified through sickness? The scripture in Acts 10:38 says that the devil oppressed people and Jesus healed them. So from that scripture we see Satan is the one who brings infirmity upon people. Surely God and satan couldn't be working hand-in-hand. With that thought in mind, let's start answering the question, "Is God glorified through sickness?" What does the Bible say - you be the judge. I quote the following: "And great multitudes came unto Him having with them those that were lame, dumb, maimed and may others and cast them down at Jesus' feet and He healed them." Them who? Them who were sick (blind, dumb, maimed, and others). So the multitude marvelled when they saw the dumb speak, the maimed whole, the lame walk, and the blind see. And they "glorified the God of Israel." When did they glorify Him? After the lame walked and other healings took place. They didn't give Him any glory while the people were oppressed but after they were healed they glorified the God of Israel. It doesn't appear that God received any glory until after they were healed. I wonder, is God glorified in sickness and disease? or is He glorified when people are healed? In the book of Luke there is another account about a woman who was bowed together (maybe arthritis) and could in no way lift herself up. Jesus noticed her and laid His hands on her and she was immediately made straight. After eighteen years of being bound, the first thing she did was give glory to God. There is no record of her giving any glory to God prior to her healing. There are several other accounts in the scriptures which speak about people glorifying God after being healed but never, in one case, while sick or diseased. If there were scriptures that said God was glorified through sickness they would contradict the ones that said otherwise. God does not oppose His own words and is not schizophrenic. If you are sick or diseased, are you glorifying God for it? The same Jesus who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil wants to heal you and give you your reason to glorify Him. God is good all the time.

Pastor Dave Machin, Similkameen Christian Center, SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 a.m. 221 A, Bridge Street, Princeton, B.C. Phone 295-0599



Susan Alton begins this week as the News Leader representative and reporter for Keremeos, Cawston, Olalla and Chopaka area. See story.

### From Laurel to Susan

Laurel Arnold is turning to her favourite interests, and the News Leader wishes her all the best. She has done a good job for us in reporting Keremeos news. We welcome our new representative, Susan Alton, whom Laurel recommended. Susan is experienced in all aspects of newspaper work, and looks forward to helping local people promote their businesses and their community. Susan has been a Chamber of Commerce Director and has a keen personal interest in economic development.

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Tues., March 28, 2000  
6:30 p.m.  
PRINCETON ARENA

## NOTICES

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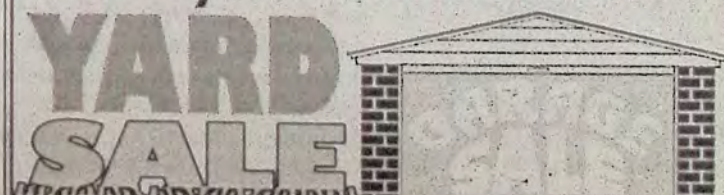
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 NATURE OF WORK: PLANTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION  
 LOCATION: PRINCETON AREA  
 RECEIPT OF TENDERS WILL CLOSE: 1:30 p.m. on March 29, 2000 at the Merritt  
 District Office.  
 VIEWING: Office viewing of this project is mandatory. The viewing will take  
 place March 23, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Merritt District Office, Hwy 5A &  
 Airport Rd, Merritt, B.C.  
 TENDER PACKAGE: Documents with envelope, plan specifications, and condi-  
 tions of tender can be picked up at the above noted office between the hours of  
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 b) Bidders must have successfully completed all related contracts in the last  
 two (2) years; and  
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Expressions of interest will be received until 2:00 p.m. PST on March 31, 2000 at the  
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## Students learn science of solving crimes

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ing the crime will be rewarded with the pleasure of prosecuting the culprit. There will be a trial at the end of the series of lessons, during which the prosecution will present evidence linking the culprit to the crime. The lesson series takes approximately six weeks. Students appear to be enthusiastic about their work.

## What is a Jubilee Holy Year?

by Father Christopher Byrnes, Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Princeton

In the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year, or Jubilee, is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness of sins and also the punishment due to sin, it is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.

The origin of the Christian Jubilee goes back to Bible times. The Law of Moses prescribed a special year for the Jewish people: "You shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim the liberty throughout the land, to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee for you when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his family. This fiftieth year is to be a jubilee year for you: you will not sow, you will not harvest the un-gathered corn, you will not gather the untrimmed vine. The jubilee is to be a holy thing to you, you will eat what comes from the fields." (The Book of Leviticus 25, 10-14). The trumpet with which this particular year was announced was a goat's horn called Yobel in Hebrew, and the origin of the word jubilee. The celebration of this year also included the restitution of land to the original owners, the remission of debts, the liberation of slaves and the land was left fallow. In the New Testament, Jesus presents himself as the One who brings the old Jubilee to completion, because he has come to "preach the year of the Lord's favour" (Isaiah 61: 1-2).

It is interesting to note that in almost

every country, time is counted as before and after Christ's coming into the world, although today few people may realize the reasons for this calculation. For Christians then, the Jubilee of the year 2000 is especially important because it is a celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ (apart from the differences of exact chronological count.) What is more, it is the first Holy Year to mark the turn of a millennium, since the first Jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. For Christians then, the Jubilee of the Year 2000 should be a great prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Incarnation of His Son and the Redemption He brings.

The Jubilee is called Holy Year, not only because it begins, is marked, and ends with solemn holy acts, but also because its purpose is to encourage holiness of life. It was actually convoked to strengthen faith, encourage works of charity and brotherly communion within the Church and in society and to call Christians to be more sincere and coherent in their faith in Christ, the only Saviour.

During this Holy Year the Catholic Church wants to call all its members to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and His Gospel; to a renewed sense of mission and evangelization; to proclaim Jesus Christ as the one only Saviour of the world. We want to extend a very special invitation to those members of the Church who have left or become inactive in their faith (for whatever reason) to return to the reconciling love of our Lord Jesus present in His Church. We hope and pray for greater unity among all Christians and extend a special greeting to all the churches present in Princeton, and to all people of good-

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Daralynn Ballard checks out an exhibit of mold at the John Allison Elementary School Science Fair, held Friday. Daralynn had her own project, on the greenhouse effect, complete with pamphlets to give to people interested in her project. Students did biology, electronics, chemistry, silviculture and physics projects. This was the third annual science fair and the best yet.

**Kidney Foundation  
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If you have one good kidney, you can live a long healthy life. If you have two diseased kidneys, you will face death.

The main function of a kidney is to remove wastes from the blood via the urine, regulate water in the body, and balance the body's chemicals. Kidney failure has no cure, and if left untreated, death will result in days or weeks.

March is Kidney Month, a time to think about kidney disease. Each day, an average of 10 Canadians learn their kidneys have failed. At the end of 1997, of the 3,072 Canadians on a waiting list for an organ transplant, 2,528 were awaiting a kidney transplant. Kidney diseases rank sixth among diseases causing death in Canada.

Transplant is considered the ideal solution to diseased kidneys. There are other treatments, such as medication and dialysis, but these do not prevent death over a long period of time.

The three leading causes of kidney failure in new patients are diabetes, renal vascular disease (including high blood pressure) and glomerulonephritis. The number of new patients is grow-

ing by 6.9% per year.

During March, approximately 80,000 Canadians will canvass for donations for the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Since 1964, The Kidney Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million to support kidney-related research. The success of kidney transplants has been made possible by research grants.

Approximately 1,000 kidney transplants are done in Canada each year. More could be done if more Canadians agreed to be organ donors. Canada ranks among the lowest in all developed countries on organ donation rates.

Who develops kidney disease? Kidney disease can strike anyone of any age, but the fastest growing group of new patients is between the ages of 65 and 74.

Do not ignore these symptoms: The symptoms of kidney disease are:

- high blood pressure
  - bloody or cloudy urine
  - puffiness of the eyes, hands and feet
  - frequent night urination
- If you have any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor.

**RCMP arrest Alberta  
man and Nighthawk illegal**

by Laurel Arnold  
Similkameen - On March 5 at 8:57 a.m., when Keremeos RCMP stopped a motor vehicle on Highway 3A five km. north of Olalla, for a traffic infraction, they discovered the driver had an outstanding warrant from Saanich B.C. for possession of stolen property. Police arrested the driver, 31 year old David Fladager from Alberta, who will appear in court in Victoria on

April 14.  
In a separate incident on the afternoon of the same day, Keremeos RCMP stopped a motor vehicle that had reportedly failed to stop at the Nighthawk border crossing, and discovered the driver was in Canada illegally. The unnamed 37 year old Hungarian resident was arrested and turned over to immigration officials to face Immigration Act charges.

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Renée Kovacs, left, and Danica Lavalley, students from Riverside Intermediate School, play scrabble at the Vermilion Court games afternoon. Left center is Jean Marlin, a volunteer, and resident Lil Armstrong, far left, watches. Bonnie Payne, who runs the Adult Day Program, leans over the student's letter rack to offer advice on a possible word in the popular board game. Other students and residents played bingo and a variety of board games.

Current Comment

## We told them resources mean money

by Dawn Johnson

It was all very well for the environmental lobby to attack clear cuts and the forest industry in general, but export statistics, and the comments of Finance Minister Paul Ramsey on the importance of our resource industries ought to convince government (if nobody else!) of our need to restrain our enthusiasm for preserving old trees. I am not suggesting we should have no old trees, but I am saying we cannot afford to let too many trees die without harvesting.

I would go so far as to say we cannot afford to allow trees in parks to go to waste. I see nothing wrong with developing public education programs to show how harvesting the trees to plant new trees is a form of preserving our forests.

My knowledge of the forest is not that of an "expert" but I am reasonably knowledgeable about the forest. What I have seen happen to old growth in the Interior of B.C. is almost a form of crime.

The huge amount of logs leaving our area now is a direct result of insufficient cutting in the past, which allowed the mountain pine beetle to multiply beyond belief



in the past ten years. True, this is a natural phenomenon. So are floods and fires and volcanic eruptions, but we do try to minimize the damage and the cost.

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since the late 1950's. Our resource industries deserve more respect than given in the past. No matter how "hi tech" our industries become, the world still needs food and shelter, for which B.C. provides the raw materials. There is nothing shameful about feeding and housing the world.

Trout Talk

## When "they" don't bite

by John Sandness, Similkameen Valley outdoorsman

They are the trout. More often than not, the trout just won't cooperate. Especially in mid-summer when food is plentiful. Why should they bite your artificial, when the real thing is swimming all around them. That's when a fisherman should relax and enjoy the surroundings.

My grandfather Trelford had a great saying. We would be sitting in our rowboat, off a point on Island Lake, and nothing was biting. The sun was shining, a little breeze would be blowing across our faces, and the sandpipers or some bird like a crow would be walking along the shoreline, looking for something to eat. Grandpa George would say, "That's a mil-

lion-dollar breeze" and take another puff on his big Roi-tan cigar.

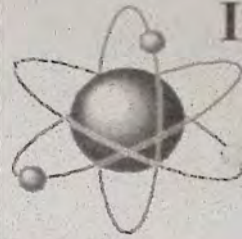
I was young, 14 or so, and restless, and wanted to move to where the fish would be biting, but it was Grandpa's idea then, and has become mine now, that the catching wasn't everything, that just being out on the water on a beautiful day was worth a million dollars.

How can you put a price on contentment? People nowadays are constantly looking for contentment. They even attempt to buy it. Look at all the ads on TV extolling the virtues of gadgets to entertain us.

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## Two local girls will go to World Series

Princeton - Fifteen year old Colby Logan will be going to Orlando, Florida, in July, along with Erica



Colby Logan, softball player bound for Florida.

Timms, for the Softball World Series. Logan is the second local girl picked up by College Prospects' agent Charlie Green as a promising young softball player. Last year, Green spotted Timms and signed her. Timms went to the series last year in Tennessee.

Green had asked Timms if there were any other girls in Princeton he should look at, and Timms suggested he watch Colby Logan. He did, and she is the youngest he has ever signed. She now goes to Kelowna twice a week to train.

Logan has received letters from

50 colleges and universities expressing interest in her future plans. Another first for a Green prospect: Logan received a letter from Notre Dame.

The Florida games in July are not the end of the story. In August, the girls go to California for more games, then to Baja for the last week of August, where they will train underprivileged Mexican youths to play softball. At this time, they are collecting used softball equipment to give to the Mexican youngsters.

## Fish left flopping in Agriculture Ministry

by Doug Walker, Executive Director - BCWF

During the first week of March when the new provincial cabinet was announced the members of the B.C. Wildlife Federation were stunned to learn that the management of the recreational fishery was placed in the agricultural portfolio. "The government, being aware that setting up a separate Ministry of Fisheries didn't work, has now made the situation even worse! BCWF feels that the management of the recreational fishery should have gone back with wildlife where it belongs.

The new premier had an opportunity to restore the dual functions of fisheries and wildlife management within the same ministry but has failed to accomplish this objective. He has left inland fish out of the water and flopping on the dock.

BC's fish and wildlife resources generate significant economic and social benefits for British Columbians, contributing more than \$2 billion annually to the province's GDP. Historically Fisheries, Wildlife and Parks were administered together in the Ministry of Recreation and Conservation and later in the Ministry of Environment Land and Parks.

Over a year ago the government was told by their special consultant, Frank Rhodes that virtually everyone he had interviewed in his three month investigation had the same comment, - "Put

Fisheries and Wildlife together in the same ministry and get on with business."

Twice the government hired top level advisors to investigate this issue. The BC public is well aware of the problems with the fisheries resource, and also understands the strong connection between fisheries management, enforcement and habitat protection. The loss of the linkage between the Fisheries, Wildlife, Habitat Protection and Enforcement programs is wasteful and is detrimental to our precious fish and wildlife resources.

The B.C. Wildlife Federation, along with most public recreational and conservation groups, have a strong interest in keeping Fisheries, Wildlife, Habitat and Parks together and are urging their members and the concerned public to write the Premier to tell him to reunite Fisheries and Wildlife.

## Juniors will see Grizzlies

Princeton - Princeton Junior Boys basketball team will see the Grizzlies in action in Vancouver on April 2. Trustee Ken Heuser advised the Board of School Trustees on March 8 that the team will use some of the Aaron Heuser Memorial Fund to pay for the trip. They will see Steve Nash, a Victoria resident playing in the NBA. Trustee Heuser, who has coached the Junior Boys team this year, intends to go along on the trip.

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