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Similco not sold yet

- Leader Mining extends date of final payment

Leader Mining International has negotiated an extension of the final payment to acquire Similco Mines Ltd. and the Invermay property from Imperial Metals Corporation. Leader paid \$50,000 cash and provided 100,000 common shares to Imperial to defer the closing date from December 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001, subject to all regulatory approvals. Leader's news release states this will give Leader Mining time to "negotiate suitable financing" to finalize the purchase. Leader Mining has made two payments to date, on schedule. The company has expressed a continuing interest in the purchase.



At 1:00 p.m., December 27, 5 km. west of Manning Park Lodge, the eastbound vehicle at left went out of control and was hit broadside by the vehicle above. Four people and a dog were involved, and all were injured. Yick Shum, age 49, of Surrey, was airlifted to Hope then airlifted to Vancouver. His passenger, along with the other driver, Ginter Donald and his wife, Heather, of Nanaimo, were transported to Fraser Canyon Hospital to be treated for fractures. The dog suffered a broken leg. RCMP continue investigation.

Photos courtesy of Gary Rogers

Crash kills man

On Friday, December 22 at 9:30 p.m., 75 year old Louis Cowell (also known as Pete), of Osprey Lake, was killed in a motor vehicle accident. The mishap occurred at 29 km. northeast on Highway 40. The truck in which Cowell was a passenger lost control and went through wooden barricades at the Siwash Creek bridge, landing upside down on its roof on the ice below.

The driver of the vehicle was extricated with the help of Princeton Rescue crew and ambulance services, and a female passenger was able to crawl out on her own, assisted by a passerby. The driver and female were taken to Princeton General Hospital.

RCMP continued to investigate the accident.

RDOS backs Okanagans' fight for Spotted Lake

by Sherida Crane

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen has given strong support to the Okanagan Nation position on Spotted Lake. RDOS called on Ottawa for "a speedy resolution" of the Spotted Lake issue.

Chief Stewart Phillip said, "I was very pleased by the statements I heard made by the regional directors in response to our statement."

"It is clear that the overwhelming majority of regional directors recognize the importance of Spotted Lake to all residents of the South Okanagan Similkameen," added Chief Dan Wilson.

"I was particularly impressed with comments made by Tom Shields," stated Chief Clarence Louie. "Mr. Shields spoke passionately and eloquently about the need to protect Spotted Lake and see it returned to native control."

Since prehistorical times, native people went to the lake for its healing properties. Ceremonial cairns surrounded the lake, although many have sunk out of sight. Native people wish to protect the lake as a medicinal gift to all people. In a prepared statement delivered to Regional District, Okanagan Nation Alliance declared, "The medicine in the lake is for everyone, all people alike. When the Creator gave it to us, he asked nothing in return. It is a gift and a promise. A gift of health and well-being and a promise in that there will be a future. Therefore, we hold the lake to be sacred, and we, as well as many from other Nations, continue to use the lake to strengthen ourselves spiritually Continued on page 4

B.C. Mining Association

Mining in B.C. 2000 review

by Gary Livingstone, President and CEO of Mining Association of B.C.

This year was another difficult year for mining. Exploration and development spending continued at record low levels, expected to again be in the \$30 million range, down from over \$200 million in the late 80's and early 90's.

The industry posted a \$133 million loss during 1999 (latest figures). Yet despite that loss, mining still paid \$311 million in direct taxes to governments.

The Quintette coal mine at Tumbler Ridge closed and no new mines were opened. The 1990's was the only decade since mining began in this province that a new mine wasn't discovered, and that trend continued this year. In the past 10 years, two mines have closed for every new mine opened. Any mines that were opened during the decade were deposits that were discovered in prior decades. With the industry experiencing a 90% drop in mineral exploration spending during that same 10-year period, it is little wonder that no new mines were discovered this year either.

The most troubling aspect of 2000, for the industry, was the continued erosion of the economic land base in the province. Cabinet's approval of the Mackenzie LRMP essentially places off-limits an

additional 3.4 million hectares of northern B.C., an area larger than Vancouver Island, rich in mineral and natural resource potential, an area of great economic promise. Taxpayers have lost the benefits that would otherwise be provided by the mineral wealth known to exist there. We think that's wrong. A better way would have been to first find out the true cost of this alienation of land to B.C. taxpayers before deciding on the future of that land. During the past nine years, this government has more than quadrupled the amount of land alienated from mineral exploration and development - 24,300,000 hectares - an area greater than the combined size of the countries of Belgium, Holland and Switzerland!

It is little wonder then that this is the fourth year in a row British Columbia scored the lowest of any jurisdiction on the policy potential index in the Fraser Institute's Annual Survey of Mining Companies, an index that measures the effects of government policies such as regulation and land use on attracting new mineral exploration.

British Columbia is a prime example of how even a resource-rich province can deter investors if the policy climate is hostile toward business. Regardless of the difficulties we have face, mining remains a \$4 billion industry, the Number two resource industry in the province, Continued on Page 2

Kick the habit and win a California trip

Butting out permanently is a great way to start the New Year and could be your ticket to the sun.

Quitting smoking and pledging to stay smoke-free may win you a free trip to southern California in a contest sponsored by the B.C. Lung Association and pharmaceutical company Aventis Pharma, manufacturer of nicotine replacement therapy products Nicoderm and Nicorette.

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Mining 2000 from front page.....

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A New Sense of Optimism
As we look ahead to 2001, early signs of optimism are beginning to stir in B.C.'s mining industry.

Like the province itself, which has wallowed in prolonged economic malaise, mining too suffers from political and regulatory uncertainty, the result leaving investors uneasy, sitting on the sidelines.

Yet the hint of promise is in the air. Recognition among business and political leaders that traditional resource industries will remain essential to B.C.'s economic future provides the kind of comfort and assurance investors need.

Plans are underway to evaluate the re-opening of the Gibraltar Mine near William's Lake and investors are assessing the feasibility of building a new copper refinery using BC-developed state-of-the-art hydrometallurgy technology in conjunction with that re-opening.

Strengthening coal prices will likely see some B.C. coal operations expand production capacity, which will mean more jobs, more investment, increased economic activity and greater tax revenues to government.

Investors have been searching for an end to the uncertainty that has characterized many mining sensitive policies - excessive taxation, non-competitive regulation and land use policies hostile to economic development. In anticipation of the election process that will unfold this year, a process that is expected to remove the political uncertainty surrounding the future, is already having a positive development in terms of creating new jobs and opportunity.

But an election is only a first step. Those who will govern our province for the next 4-5 years will have their work cut out for them.

The Future
Mining, which can be a powerhouse when it comes to generating tax revenues, jobs and economic opportunity for communities and families, has a lot to offer B.C.'s future.

Regardless of who forms the next provincial government in 2001, turning around the decline in mining will take decisive action in

five key areas: 1) Land Access 2) Aboriginal Land Claims 3) Security of Mineral Tenure 4) Taxation 5) Permitting and Regulations. Decisive action in these key areas will yield dramatic results.

Let's say for a moment that the new government is serious about mining and its future here in B.C. And let's say they really buckled down and tackled these five issues. What could happen? What might the results be? What would be in it for British Columbia?

Making B.C. a competitive mining jurisdiction could create over 20,000 direct and indirect jobs over the next 10 years and ensure a sustainable mining industry in B.C. on known projects and exploration levels no higher than in the 1980's. On a government revenue basis, because of the high wages the industry pays, this is equivalent to the tax revenue of almost 40,000 average jobs. This new mining activity could generate \$4.2 billion in direct mine development investment and billions in further government revenues, greatly enhancing provincial economic strength and stability.

So that's what these changes can bring about that's what's in it for the people of British Columbia and why the provincial government would want to undertake such action. It is especially important to the people outside of the lower mainland, the people who, for the foreseeable future, will continue to depend on resource industries like mining for their livelihood.

Weather Watch

Princeton area				Keremeos area		
Dec	High	Low	Precip	High	Low	Precip
26	0.5	-3.8		Not available		
27	1.2	-2.3		this week		
28	-1.6	-4.7				
29	2.3	-5.9				
30	2.2	-4.7				
31	-0.1	-1.8				
Jan. 1						
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Wed - Mainly cloudy, 40% chance showers, windy, high 4, low -1						
Thurs - Mainly cloudy, 40% flurries, showers, high 5, low -2						
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News of Vermilion Rebekahs

by Dorothy Stenvold, p.c.

Our Noble Grand, Sister White, and Vice-Grand, Sister Golovin, made a presentation to Mr. Ted Worthington of two large boxes of food and toys for the Christmas hampers. The contents of the boxes were donated by our members. Mr. Worthington told us how much the hampers are appreciated by the recipients.

Christmas trees were delivered to the residents of Ridgewood Lodge, and to some patient rooms in Princeton Hospital. Everyone was most pleased.

It was lovely to receive season's greetings from many, including Sister Baron, Sister Corriveau, and Sister Steele. Local members and neighbouring lodges also sent greetings.

Sister Marsel had the misfortune to fall and injure her arm. She is not "sporting" a cast but the arm is most tender as she does have a small fracture.

Sister Blows has been ill in bed with the flu bug and other problems.

Sister Strong still has problems with her eyes. Sister Petersen remains cheerful and so pleased to hear news of any Rebekah and loves visitors.

Santa arrived complete with red suit, gifts and with a cheery Merry Christmas and a Ho! Ho! Ho!.

Our Christmas tea table was centered with a small sleigh complete with Santa driving her reindeer, surrounded by tinsel garland, pine cones and small rolled gifts for all. Three Sisters sang a humorous song about Lutefisk. Friendship abounded.

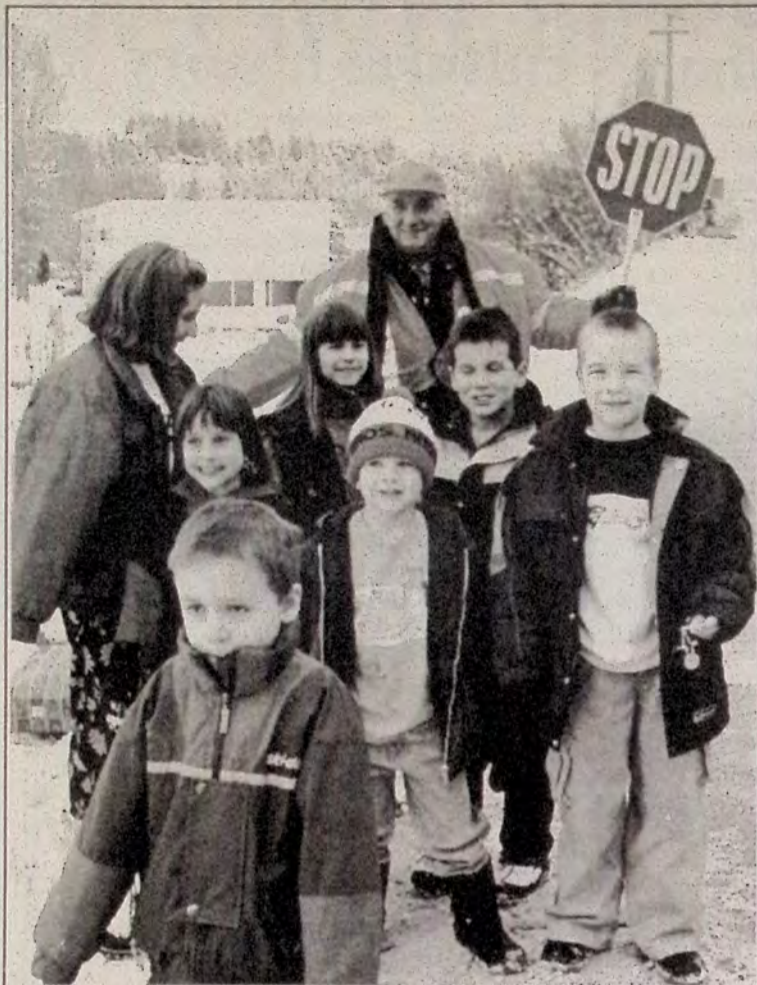
Happy New Year and health and happiness to all.

Family history book is a hit

Many people received the family history book "Princeton - Our Valley" as a Christmas gift, and the feedback is positive. In one case, the person who received the book soon found it commended by other family members who had no ties to the Similkameen Valley!

The book is still on sale at the Chamber of Commerce Office (295-3103) and Town Hall. It still sells for \$70 per copy, and those who have purchased the book say it is worth the price tag, with over 1,000 photos of people and places in the upper Similkameen Valley.

The book makes an excellent gift for anyone with ties to the area, and includes personal anecdotes that make it a valuable history of the people who came and settled here.



Dave Smith, crossing guard at the wooden bridge for the past "13 or 15 years, I forget which" received gifts from Parent Advisory Councils for his dedicated service to the children. Standing at the back with his STOP sign, he shows off his new cap and jacket presented by the children on the last day of school before Christmas. Thanks, Dave, for keeping our children safe.

Celebrate Princeton Children and Youth

by Karen Allen, Princeton and District Asset Development Coordinator

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying your holiday season! Last week, I reminded everyone how fortunate we are to have such great teachers in Princeton. This week, I acknowledge our young people.

I have been spending quite a bit of time with young people in different activities and events. I am impressed and inspired by the common thread of kindness, intelligence, wisdom and integrity running through the youth of Princeton. I have been received openly and treated with respect in all of my dealings with our younger citizens. Reading local newspaper stories these past weeks, I am so pleased to see young people involved in so many activities. From songfests, concerts and plays to fundraising for the skateboard park, student of the month, put-down free zone winners, and students helping with Crisis Assistance hampers. Our young people are a huge contribution to our community. Every one of you involved in these activities with youth are asset builders!

External Asset Category: empowerment
Internal Asset Category: Social competencies

Asset name and definition: Service to others (9) Young person serves the community.


Internal Asset name and definition: interpersonal competence (33) Young person has interpersonal skills.

Our youth feel they have been stereotyped by some. How many of us have heard or spoken the words, "I don't like the looks of those teenagers," as we cross to the other side of the street to avoid them? I challenge you to walk right through them. Smile, and say "Hello." You may be pleasantly surprised, and you will feel good about yourself and your effort to break down barriers built between "us" and "them." "They" are people, too, wonderful, caring, contributing younger people. Spend some time getting to know them - your life will be enriched.

Thank you for reading this. It shows you care about our children and youth. I thank this newspaper for printing these articles on Asset Development. This is a big contribution to the Asset Building Initiative.

My office is located at Princeton & District Community Skills Centre (295-4051). If you would like more information or resources on Asset Building, please phone or come to see me. I value your involvement.
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INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

By John Vaccaro Financial Consultant for Merrill Lynch
and Greg Stewart Associate Financial Consultant for Merrill Lynch
Dollar Cost Averaging: The Secret To Long-Term Investing

In today's unsettled market environment, many people are trying to formulate a sound investment strategy. The key rules of successful investing are to "pay yourself first" and to have a long-term perspective and investment objective. The secret to reserving money for your future is to view savings as an expense. This means that you must put aside a pre-determined amount of money each month to pay yourself, just as you pay your rent, your loans and your bills.

A sensible approach recommended by Financial Consultants (Advisors) for protecting investors from having to time the market is to take advantage of dollar cost averaging. The expression "dollar cost averaging" may seem intimidating, but the concept is actually very simple. You must invest a fixed amount of money in an investment at regular intervals, preferably over a long period of time. By adhering to this strategy, your average cost will be lower than the average price over a given period, which could potentially translate into higher profits for you.

The principle of dollar cost averaging is quite easy to understand. Because market prices fluctuate, individuals who invest sporadically may find the value of their investment either rises, falls or stagnates over a period of time. By investing regularly, market volatility is substantially reduced. You buy more units when the price is low, and fewer units when the price is high.

One key advantage to this strategy is that the investor does not have to invest a large amount of money at once. There is no need to follow trends in the market, or to subsequently attempt to time the market, because investors are buying units consistently, and fluctuations will balance themselves out over time. This eliminates the temptation to stop buying when the unit price goes down in value, or to wildly invest when the units rise in value.

Dollar cost averaging is ideal for mutual fund investing. It is also a sound RRSP savings strategy because it is becoming increasingly difficult for many individuals to come up with a lump sum payment at RRSP time. As it is important to make your maximum contribution each year, contributing on a regular basis is a sensible investment strategy. Talk to your Financial Consultant (Advisor) today about the benefits to you and your retirement and investment portfolios.



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Upper Similkameen Band shares cultural history with youngsters

Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB) Archaeology Department hosted an informative event for the community and for USIB members at Chuchwaya Hall in Hedley. The event opened with a prayer and blessing by a USIB elder, then a delicious traditional

lunch was served - venison, wild rice, salmon, saskatoon pie, etc.

The hall was lined with displays about local native historical and archaeological sites, artifacts, language and customs. One table had a display of ochre rock which is sacred to the Okanagan people.

There was information about pictographs, a maul, mastodon tusk, obsidian, volcanic glass, pit houses, tule, digging sticks and sweats.

Archaeologist Brenda Gould said the Band Archaeology Department had a very successful year and they are working on organizing for the coming year. She noted that the event was held for Band youth to learn more of the history, culture and traditional practices, and to eat some traditional food. Behind the ochre rock display, children had the opportunity to hand paint their own pictographs.

Traditional Bitter Root was given out to event participants.

The event had a strong turnout. Charlene Allison, Upper Similkameen Band Councillor, presented Phillipe Batini, Band Manager, with a gift of appreciation for all his support of the Archaeology Department.



Children learn "hands on" use of ochre as a substance for painting. Above, they use it to paint pictures. In the foreground, samples of ochre rock for which the valley is famous.

Spotted Lake continued from front page....

and to heal ourselves physically."

The statement clearly outlined opposition to any form of commercial use that would disturb the natural state of the lake.

Glen Douglas, respected elder of the Similkameens, said in a phone interview, "A long time before contact with Europeans, we used the mud at Spotted Lake for our hurts. I have spoken to many, many elders about Spotted Lake - Tommy Gregoire, my mother Teresa Squakin, Mrs McCraigie. People from a long way off, from east of the Rocky Mountains, from up north, relations from the Piute people (south), would come to Spotted Lake for its spiritual and medicinal powers and to trade with the Similkameen people var-

ious things like eagles, hides, salmon, etc. People came a long way to pray there and sit in the lake. As time went on, the owners fenced it off and would call the police if anyone trespassed there."

Herman Edwards, a Lower Similkameen Indian Band cultural advisor, said he fears that the lake will be exploited by new agers and the like, and that the "face will be taken off this lake." He discussed the sacred altars surrounding the lake, and commented that since they fenced the lake and put up 'no trespassing' signs, many native people are fearful to go to the lake for fear of being arrested for trespassing. He added that the lake is priceless. He stated, "The lake has no master, no one can own it."

Okanagan Nation told Regional District, "Spotted Lake is environmentally sensitive and unquestionably unique. There is nothing else like it in the world. It is in the interests of everyone to preserve this treasure and to protect the rare plants and animals which the lake attracts. The statement said the property contains archaeological evidence registered under the Heritage Conservation Act.

The Assembly of First Nations is trying to secure the return of Spotted Lake to the Okanagans. Chief Mike Wilson of the Mohawk Nations said the Assembly will call upon Ottawa to expropriate the property and return it to the Okanagan Nation if negotiations in the Okanagan break down.

What to do if you have gas leakage

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- Get everyone outside and away from the building.
- Phone your gas supplier immediately.

Nobody hates a job well done.



Herman Edwards, Lower Similkameen Indian Band cultural advisor, talks about Spotted Lake.

Vermilion Court news

by Edith B., the Court Jester

Belated Merry Xmas and a very pleasant and profitable New Year to all our readers.

Our new lady who moved in Dec. 1 is keeping the cooks on their toes and making sure they are not late for work.

Tom Payne and our new RCMP officer came in their red serge to serve tea at our Xmas party. We surely appreciated their attention to us. My friend, Janina Wetsehaar, came with her standard bred poodle, Emma, who was a big hit with everyone. The Movers and Shakers entertained royally and Santa and Mrs. Claus brought us each a teddy bear and a candy cane.

Under Bonnie Payne's expert direction and with the welcome help of her volunteers, we made beautiful white carnation centerpieces for each table in the dining room. Another day we made more elaborate ones for our rooms with the help of the kind lady from the flower shop.

The Grade 7's and 8's entertained us with delightful music of clarinets and flutes. Girl Guides and Brownies were here one evening

to entertain us with Xmas carols and afterward we all enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.

We all had a hand in decorating the Xmas tree and were very proud to be able to say that all the ornaments were handmade by the residents over the years.

Several of our residents were away for part of the Xmas holidays. On THE day, our cooks were on the job very early to give us a great dinner at noon, with turkey and all the trimmings. Some of our residents had family visitors and we also had guests from the Mary-Anne apartments. We wound up with only six resi-

dents and a caregiver, Jeanette, for supper.

We can't say enough about how everyone here, staff and volunteers, put so much into making our festivities pleasant and enjoyable for all.

We also had a couple of birthdays to celebrate. Ada Currie was 81 and her grandsons did it up grandly. Grace Robinson was also 81 and she got her cake and candles a little early as she was away on the day.

Lil McIntosh's son, Larry, won a prize for best decorated residence in the Light-up contest. Guess who's the proud mama!

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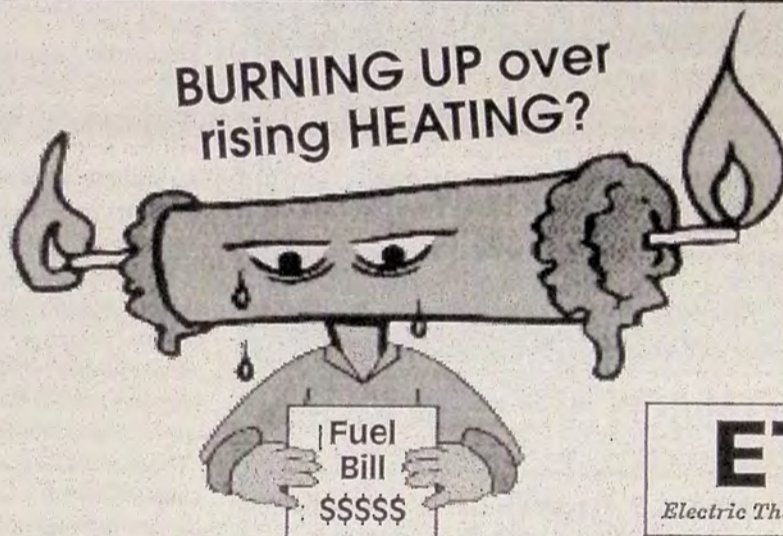
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Similkameen Valley horoscope 2001

The Similkameen Valley should have a good year. Do not look for outstanding advances in every quarter, but we should have some good fortune come our way in some areas.

January:

The year begins well, and we could experience a nice January thaw early in the month. Certainly, the weather should be good for Princeton's SnoCross 2001, which will encourage the spectators to go out and enjoy the snowmobile races.

Communication is the key to everything this month, and planners should make a real effort to see that they know what to expect this year. There is some good fortune in the money department through communications. There are worries for many people, a kind of apprehension is in the air up to mid-January, when people will become more optimistic.

If you were planning to redecorate, this is a good month to do it.

February:
People who raise livestock should be aware of a possible spate of disease. Check livestock carefully, and take immediate action as it looks like this could spread rapidly.

Orchardists may want to check their trees for damage as the month begins. Early February will be colder than normal with storms and wind. In fact, both February and March are colder than normal. Travel may be quite difficult at times, and we can expect breakdowns in communications systems, such as telephones and television, and power-line workers will have frequent call-outs for emergencies.

There could be other problems connected with water, perhaps an ice jam or flood or both. The trend will start in February and carry on into early March. Problems may arise from a sudden melt.

March:

The weather this month is up and down like a yoyo until the last week of the month when we should see spring come suddenly with real warmth. Everyone will be in the mood for fun, and the Coalmont to Princeton road race should be great.

As the month progresses, it seems like everything is speeding up. Events seem to happen at high speed, one thing after another, but do not expect all bad news. On the contrary, it looks like the valley could be in for some really good news during the last week of the month.

The good news will come through some kind of partnership agreement between governments of the valley. This partnership promises prosperity and plenty of action. Plans made by the partnership will likely take all year to evolve, but will prove valuable in the long term.

April:

The weather is very good at the beginning of the month and deteriorates into a lot of wind and unsettled weather. This will continue to the end of the month.

There may be some surprising good news connected with mining or mineral exploration by the end of April.

May:

This month begins with an important transformation as we change the way business is done in the valley. This is still connected to the partnership concept. We become more forward-looking and our plans will involve some kind of communications industry. The situation becomes clear by mid-month.

The long weekend in May should be a great weekend in the middle of a couple of wet weeks.

June:

Expect thunderstorms mid-month. The weather will be hot and electrical storms, with hail, will appear on the horizon. This does not bode well for orchardists trying to bring in a good crop of cherries. Other than this brief period in June, the weather promises to be dry.

We need to be concerned with the image we project to the outside world, and one of our top priorities for this month should be improving that image. Work done on beautification now will benefit us.

July:

This is the month that may pay off big for the valley. It seems to promise money in our pockets. Mid-month brings us news about money, government and real estate.

The weather should be hot and dry, perhaps far too hot in mid-July.

August:

Gardeners should do the best they can to protect from frost toward the end of August. From August 22 thru the remainder of the autumn, frost will be frequent. The continuing trend of high activity keeps everybody on their toes. Expect some really unusual occurrences in the third week of August. This is a volatile time, and the threat of fire is strong.

September:

Labour Day weekend will be sunny and warm and good weather will continue for the first week of school, but nights will be cold. The pace of the past few months seems to slow down to something reasonable, then picks up again in the second week of September. Some major decisions need to be made regarding industry in the valley. The news should be favourable but there is a real need for further education of local people regarding the industry.

October:

Thanksgiving weekend will be windy but fairly nice, unlike the first week of October. There is some kind of major activity indicated through the first weeks of October. The government may be at odds with the electorate. Not a good time for an election!

October will be a challenging month for governments at all levels. This does not mean it will be bad for the Similkameen Valley, but circumstances may be very demanding on all of us, in a positive way.

November:

Expect snow or freezing rain early in November, followed by some really nasty weather, blustery, stormy, and generally very unsettled. The weather will be colder than usual from mid-November onward. There will be no real improvement in the weather until Christmas.

All valley residents need to be cautious and do some careful planning in November. Our home area is filled with problems and there seems to be no solution until the new year. November 26 and 27 could be fraught with trouble.

December:

This is a continuously difficult month in many respects, but it suddenly improves around Christmas time and promises solutions to our problems. A cold snap just before Christmas will break shortly after, and it will definitely be a white Christmas, with snow falling for three or four days. This is a good year to update the snow blower, as well as considering home heating costs.

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Princeton's squad leads cheers

Princeton's Cheer Squad has been very busy this season, learning new cheers and dances and practicing old ones. Princeton Cheer Squad even learned a new dance from professional dancer and choreographer Menina Fortunato on December 8 and 9 in prepara-

tion for the upcoming game and competition season.

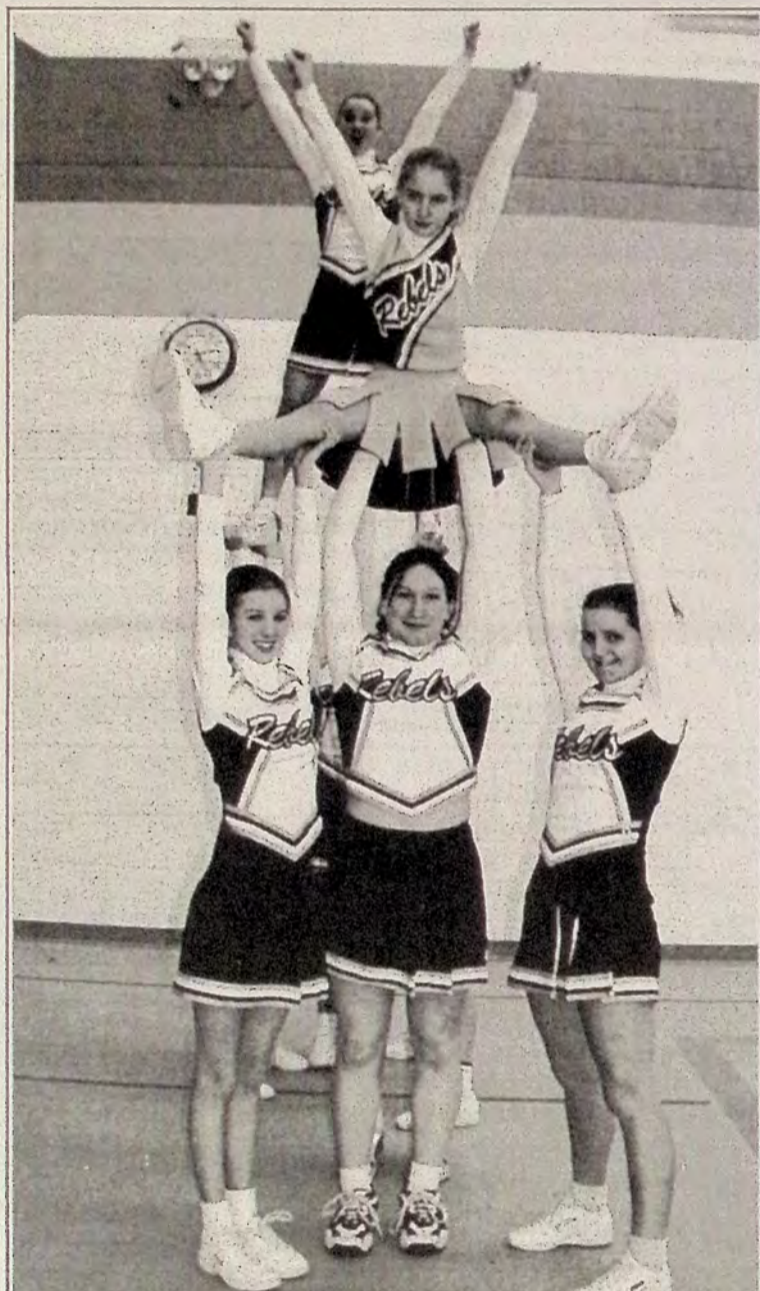
Princeton's Cheer Squad supports Princeton Secondary School athletics by cheering for sports teams at local games and pep rallies. In November, the Princeton Cheer Squad also helped organize the

8th Annual PSS Craft Fair during which they put on three dance, cheer and stunt demonstrations, to the delight of the audience.

Assistant Coach Jeanette Craigie reports this is a very dedicated, hard-working group. Team members practice at least twice a week in addition to cheering at local and away games during the week and on weekends.

Cheerleaders have also been fundraising since the 2000/2001 season started in October. Princeton Cheer Squad would like the community's support in their future fundraising efforts this season. Funds raised go toward uniform, travel and competition expenses.

For more information, call Head Coach Lori Dodds at 295-6727 or Assistant Coach Jeanette Craigie at 295-7991.



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Tuesday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY **29** ★★"Airborne" (1993, Comedy) Shane McDermott. A transplanted Californian's in-line skating skills help save the day for a Cincinnati high-school hockey team. **29**

11:00 am WTBS **3** ★★"Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. Gambling, goodfellas and Wayne Newton await the Griswolds during an ill-fated family excursion in Las Vegas.

AFTERNOON

1:30 pm YTV **18** ★★"Balto" (1995, Adventure) Voices of Kevin Bacon. Animated. A canine out-cast helps guide a sled of medical supplies to desperately ill children in an Alaskan village. (In Stereo) **18**

5:00 pm WGN **28** ★★"Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) (Part 1 of 2) Kevin Costner. Costner's epic vision of the American frontier as seen through the eyes of a 19th-century U.S. Cavalry officer. (In Stereo) **28**

5:05 pm WTBS **3** ★★"Last Man Standing" (1996, Drama) Bruce Willis. A Texas border town erupts into violence when a traveling gunman plays rival gangs of bootleggers against each other.

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY **29** "Personally Yours" (2000, Romance) Valerie Bertinelli. A restaurateur and her ex-husband begin a tentative romance again thanks to a scheme engineered by their children. **29**

7:05 pm WTBS **3** ★★"Flight of the Intruder" (1991, Adventure) Danny Glover. The crew members of a low-flying American bomber

disobey orders and bomb a strategic target in Vietnam.

9:00 pm BCTV **11** "The Wandering Soul Murders" (2001, Mystery) Wendy Crewson. Premiere. A teddy bear tattoo provides the only clue for amateur sleuth Joanne Kilbourn in two seemingly unrelated deaths. (In Stereo) **11**

FAM **26** ★★"Condorman" (1981, Comedy) Michael Crawford. A cartoonist dons his creation's identity in order to help a Soviet spy defect to the West. (In Stereo)

9:05 pm CITY **29** ★★"Anna Karenina" (1997, Drama) Sophie Marceau. Based on Leo Tolstoy's novel of two lovers in 19th-century Russia whose illicit affair ultimately leads to ruin. (In Stereo) **29**

9:25 pm WTBS **3** "Twisted Desire" (1996, Drama) Melissa Joan Hart. A teen-age seductress lures a love-struck gas station attendant into a plan to murder her domineering parents.

10:30 pm FAM **26** ★★"Return to Snowy River" (1988, Adventure) Tom Burlinson. A jealous banker steals an Australian horseman's herd after being rejected by the man's strong-willed lover. **26**

11:05 pm CITY **29** ★★"Airborne" (1993, Comedy) Shane McDermott. A transplanted Californian's in-line skating skills help save the day for a Cincinnati high-school hockey team. **29**

11:25 pm WTBS **3** "Buried Secrets" (1996, Horror) Tiffani-Amber Thiessen. A restless spirit asks a young woman to help apprehend the person who sent her mother to her death off a sea-side cliff.

A strange story from the Round Table

Young King Arthur was ambushed and imprisoned by the monarch of a neighboring kingdom. The monarch could have killed him, but was moved by Arthur's youthful happiness. So he offered him freedom, as long as he could answer a very difficult question. Arthur would have a year to figure out the answer; if, after a year, he still had no answer, he would be killed. The question was: "What do women really want?"

Such a question would perplex even the most knowledgeable man, and, to young Arthur, it seemed an impossible query. Since it was better than death, however, he accepted the monarch's proposition to have an answer by year's end.

He returned to his kingdom and began to poll everybody: the princess, the prostitutes, the priests, the wise men, the court jester. In all, he spoke with everyone, but no one could give him a satisfactory answer. What most people did tell him, was to consult the old witch, as only she would know the answer. The price would be high, since the witch was famous throughout the kingdom for the exorbitant prices she charged.

The last day of the year arrived and Arthur had no alternative but to talk to the witch. She agreed to answer his question, but he'd have to accept her price first: the

old witch wanted to marry Gawain, the most noble of the Knights of the Round Table and Arthur's closest friend!

Young Arthur was horrified: she was hunchbacked and awfully hideous, had only one tooth, smelled like sewage water, often made obscene noises. He had never run across such a repugnant creature. He refused to force his friend to marry her and have to endure such a burden.

Gawain, upon learning of the proposal, spoke with Arthur. He told him that nothing was too big of a sacrifice compared to Arthur's life and the preservation of the Round Table. Hence, their wedding was proclaimed, and the witch answered Arthur's question:

What a woman really wants is: to be able to be in charge of her own life.

Everyone instantly knew that the witch had uttered a great truth and that Arthur's life would be spared. And so it went. The neighboring monarch spared Arthur's life and granted him total freedom.

What a wedding Gawain and the witch had! Arthur was torn between relief and anguish. Gawain was proper as always, gentle and courteous. The old witch put her worst manners on display. She ate with her hands, belched and passed gas, and made everyone uncomfortable as

ever. The wedding night approached: Gawain, steeling himself for a horrific night, entered the bedroom.

What a sight awaited! The most beautiful woman he'd ever seen lay before him! Gawain was astounded and asked what had happened.

The beauty replied that since he had been so kind to her (when she was a witch), half the time she would be her horrible, deformed self, and the other half, she would be her beautiful maiden self. Which would he want her to be during the day and which during the night?

What a cruel question!

Gawain began to think of his predicament: during the day a beautiful woman to show off to his friends, but at night, in the privacy of his home, an old spooky witch? Or would he prefer having by day a hideous witch, but by night a beautiful woman to enjoy many intimate moments?

Noble Gawain replied that he would let her choose for herself. Upon hearing this, she announced that she would be beautiful all the time, because he had respected her and had let her be in charge of her own life.

What is the moral of this story? The moral is that it doesn't matter if your woman is pretty or ugly, smart or dumb. Underneath it all, she's still a witch!

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11 AM	Movie: "Vegas Vacation"	Young and the Restless	Mathshop	Clifford	Divorce	Young and the Restless	Northern Exposure	Paid Prog.	Concrete	News	Fuzzpaws	Dog Show	Vicki Gabereau	You Asked	Montel Williams	(11:10) Lane	Nanny	Shane	Bzzzi
12 PM	Chevy Chase	News	Caller	Europe	Extra (N)	News	L.A. Law	All My Children	News	Days of Our Lives	Rugrats	Junior Hockey: World	ER "Going Home"	Champion Rivers	Men Are From Mars	ALF	7th Heaven	Cityline	Change
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4 PM	Fresh Pr.	Clueless	Mechanics	Lions	Rosie O'Donnell	Oprah Winfrey	Law & Order	Entertain News	Oprah Winfrey	Entertain News	Arnold	Bodybuild	3rd Rock	Discovery	X-Men	Doug	Pokemon	Seinfeld	Fresh Pr.
5 PM	Movie: "Last Man Standing"	News	Art Attack	News	News	News	Biography	College Football: Sugar Bowl - Florida vs. Miami.	News	News	Pokemon	WCW Nitro	News	Wild	Cosby	Recess	7th Heaven	Relic Hunter	Movie: "Dances With Wolves"
6 PM	Bruce	Friends	Wine	News-Lehrer	News	News	City Confidential	News	Entertain	Entertain	Two-Kind		News	Exhibit A	3rd Rock	Little Lulu	Sabrina	Movie: "Personally Yours"	News
7 PM	Movie: "Flight of the Intruder"	Entertain	Health	National Geographic	Jeopardy!	Seinfeld	Investigative Reports	Fortune	Bette	Bette	Caitlin	PGA Golf: World Golf Championship Play - First Day.	Twice in a Lifetime	Lost Mummy	Star Trek: Voyager	Gargoyles	Friends	Seinfeld	News
8 PM	Danny	Market Pic	Champion	Nova "Lost on Everest"	Michael	JAG "Body Talk"	Law & Order "Heaven"	News	JAG "Body Talk"	70s Show	Dragon-Z	From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Jann Arden	Discovery	70s Show	Honey, I Shrunk	Buffy Vampire	News	In the Heat of the Night
9 PM	Movie: "Twisted Desire"	Da Vinci's Inquest	Orange Sherbet Kisses	Frontline "Apocalypse"	Frasier	60 Minutes II (N)	Biography	To Be Announced	Movie: "The Wandering Soul Murders"	Frasier	Noah	From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Michael Geena	Crocodile Hunter	Dark Angel	Movie: "Condorman" (1981)	News	Movie: "Anna Karenina" (1997) Sophie	Suddenly
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11 PM	"Buried"	Amy			Tonight	(11:35) Late		(11:35)	News	All-Family	Caitlin		Open Mike	Timeslot			Suddenly		Paid Prog.

Saturday Movies

MORNING

9:00 am WTBS (3) ***"Gremlins" (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galligan. A picturesque community is overrun by a lovable little creature's evil brood in this Joe Dante comic thriller.

10:00 am WGN (3) ***"The In Crowd" (1988, Drama) Donovan Leitch. A teen-ager in 1960s Philadelphia falls for the hottest dancer on a local TV dance show. (In Stereo)

11:05 am WTBS (3) ***"Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1991, Comedy) Keanu Reeves. Death takes the California airheads on an excellent adventure after robot doubles send them to a premature afterlife.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ***"Lucas" (1986, Drama) Corey Haim. A precocious student befriends the new girl in town, not realizing she doesn't want to pursue a romantic relationship. (In Stereo)

1:00 pm CITY (29) ***"War of the Buttons" (1994, Adventure) Liam Cunningham. Youngsters from neighboring Irish villages wage war on their rivals by stealing each other's buttons. (E)

1:05 pm WTBS (3) ***"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.

1:40 pm FAM (26) ***"White Fang" (1991, Adventure) Klaus Maria Brandauer. Based on Jack London's novel about the adventures of a novice gold miner and the wolf he befriends. (In Stereo)

3:05 pm WTBS (3) ***"Outrageous Fortune" (1987, Comedy) Bette Midler. Two aspiring actresses begin a chaotic

cross-country search after learning their presumed-dead lover isn't deceased.

5:00 pm CITY (29) ***"The Devil's Own" (1997, Drama) (PA) Harrison Ford. A New York cop faces a crisis of conscience when he learns that his houseguest is an Irish Republican Army terrorist. (In Stereo) (E)

WGN (3) ***"Tainted Blood" (1993, Suspense) Raquel Welch. An author researching a mass murder linked to a genetic disorder sets out to find the killer's estranged twin sister. (In Stereo)

5:05 pm WTBS (3) ***"On Hostile Ground" (2000, Action) John Corbett. The lives of thousands of Mardi Gras revelers are at risk from a sinkhole that threatens to swallow New Orleans.

EVENING

6:00 pm A&E (9) "Promised Land" (1993, Mystery) John Thaw. Inspector Morse and Sgt. Lewis travel to Australia to find a man who testified against a gang of armed robbers.

7:05 pm WTBS (3) "Silent Predators" (1999, Horror) Harry Hamlin. A southern California town's rapid expansion disturbs a community of deadly hybrid rattlesnakes.

8:00 pm KSPS (6) ***"Leave Her to Heaven" (1945, Drama) Gene Tierney. An insanely possessive woman resorts to murder as a way to keep her husband's undivided attention.

KHQ (7) ***"The Devil's Own" (1997, Drama) (PA) Harrison Ford. A New York cop faces a crisis of conscience when he learns that his houseguest is an Irish Republican Army terrorist. (In Stereo) (E)

KXLY (10) ***"The Rock" (1996, Adventure) Sean Connery. A renegade general and his men seize control of Alcatraz Island

and threaten to unleash poison gas upon San Francisco. (In Stereo) (E)

8:30 pm WGN (3) ***"The Delta Force" (1986, Adventure) Chuck Norris. An elite anti-terrorist squadron is called into action after Arab gunmen skyjack an American jet en route to Rome. (In Stereo)

9:00 pm FAM (26) ***"My Girl" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Macaulay Culkin. An 11-year-old hypochondriac faces emotional confusion when her single father falls in love. (In Stereo) (E)

9:05 pm WTBS (3) ***"Pacific Heights" (1990, Suspense) Michael Keaton. A cou-

ple's plan to turn their Victorian manor into an apartment house backfires when they take on a sociopathic tenant.

10:00 pm A&E (9) "Promised Land" (1993, Mystery) John Thaw. Inspector Morse and Sgt. Lewis travel to Australia to find a man who testified against a gang of armed robbers.

CITY (29) ***"A Dangerous Woman" (1993, Drama) Debra Winger. A social misfit with a painfully honest disposition considers telling a lie to evade the consequences of a murder rap. (E)

10:30 pm FAM (26) ***"Candleshoe" (1977, Comedy) Jodie Foster. A con man

hoping to locate a hidden treasure tries to pass an American teenager off as a missing English heiress. (E)

WGN (3) ***"Delta Force 2" (1990, Adventure) Chuck Norris. An American colonel and his elite Marine unit head to South America to bring a sadistic drug czar to justice. (In Stereo)

11:00 pm WTBS (3) ***"Dark City" (1998, Science Fiction) Rufus Sewell. A young man awakens in a hotel room with no memories of his life and finds himself hunted by the police.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2001

	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 (22)	DISC (24)	FOX 41	FAM (26)	KTLA (27)	CITY (29)	WGN (33)	
6 AM	Fam. Mat.		(Off Air)	Anyplace	6:00 Today (N)	Saturday Early Show	America's Castles	Gardening Better	Acorn Fly. Rhino	Paid Prog. Reel	Bunnies Anatole	Sportsdesk k	Good Morning Canada	Discovery.ca	Paid Prog.	Little Lulu	Paid Prog.	Indo	Paid Prog.	
7 AM	Ripley-Believe	Peiswick	Elliot	Fly Tying	News	BluesClues	House Beautiful	Sabrina	News	News	Pippl	Fishing	Canada: Mars on Earth	Rangers	Microsoap	Batman	Eye on Asia (In Hindi)	Paid Prog.		
8 AM	Hunter	Powerboat	Magic Bus	Router		Little Bear	Travels	Recess (E)			Digimon	NFL	Katie-Orble	Wild Discovery	Digimon	Clarissa	Jackie	Polish Studio	Video Computer Store	
9 AM	Movie: "Gremlins" (1984, Fantasy)	NHL-Shots	SpaceCase	Workshop		NFL Today	Night Court	Teachers		Computer	Jackie	Bowling	Recess (E)	Discovery.ca	Beast	Jersey	Pokemon	Originals	Soul Train	
10 AM	Zach Galligan.	Rocket	Rainbow	Old House		NFL	Newsradio	Buzz Light		NFL	Rocket		Recess (E)	Digimon	Famous	X Men	Cityline	Home day.	Movie: "The In Crowd" (1988) Donovan Leitch. Lost World	
11 AM	Movie: "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1991)	Bowling: Five-Pin.	Sew Much	Vegetarian	TBA	Divisional Game -- Teams to Be Announced	Competition	Pooh	House	House	Beavers	PGA Golf: World Championship Match Play -- Quarterfinals and Semifinals. (Same-day Tape)	D'Myna	Profiles of Nature	NFL	Art Attack	Parent	Electric Circus	Movie: "Lucas" (1986) Corey Haim. "White Fang" (1991), Ethan Hawke. Timon	
12 PM	Movie: "Honeymoon in Vegas" (1992, Comedy)	Trampoline-Tumbling	Fitness	Europe	Announced	Love Chronicles	Animal R.	News	News	News	Jetsons	Chatterbox	Canada: Mars on Earth	NFL	Football Playoffs: NFC Divisional Game -- Teams to Be Announced	Goof Troop	Xena: Warrior Princess	Rello Hunter	Fresh Pr.	
1 PM	Movie: "Outrageous Fortune" (1987, Comedy)	Figure Skating: Magic on Ice: World Professional	Health	Painting	Figure Skating: Katarina Witt: Divas on Ice.	College Basketball: Regional Coverage	Investigative Reports	Home Imp.	Paid Prog.	NFL Playoffs: Divisional Game -- Teams to Be Announced	Video Hit List	Hit List	Chatroom	Canada: Mars on Earth	NFL	Football Playoffs: NFC Divisional Game -- Teams to Be Announced	Goof Troop	Xena: Warrior Princess	Rello Hunter	Fresh Pr.
2 PM	Movie: "Honeymoon in Vegas" (1992, Comedy)	World Ysn Hockey	Gaslight	21st Century Ark	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	City Confidential	Travel	Travel	Travel	Mona	Cycling	Georgia Strait	How'd They Do That?	Teams to Be Announced	Goof Troop	Xena: Warrior Princess	Rello Hunter	Fresh Pr.	
3 PM	Movie: "Outrageous Fortune" (1987, Comedy)	NHL Hockey: Montreal	Magic Bus	Over Ireland	Outdrsmn.	Pretender	Behind Closed Doors	From Melbourne, Australia.	Fishing	Simpsons	Powerpuff	Guys TV	Profiles	Discover Magazine	NFL	Goof Troop	Xena: Warrior Princess	Rello Hunter	Fresh Pr.	
4 PM	Movie: "On Hostile Ground" (2000)	Canadiens at Ottawa Senators. (Live)	Art Attack	Antiques	News	News	Biography: Dinah Shore	Fortune	News	News	Generatn	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Jim Byrnes	Impact (N)	Queen of Swords	PB J Otter	Andromeda	Movie: "The Devil's Own" (1997) (PA) Harrison Ford, Brad Pitt.	Movie: "Tainted Blood" (1993) Raquel Welch.	
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6 PM	John Corbett.	Natural	Flower	Videos	Hollywood		"Promised Land" (1993) John Thaw.	Entertainment Tonight	Entertain	Andromeda	Worst Big Wolf	Sportsdesk k	7th Heaven	into the Unknown (N)	NYPD Blue	Hoze	Friends	Ford, Brad Pitt.	News	
7 PM	Movie: "Silent Predators" (1999)	NHL Hockey: Calgary	Don't Say Good-bye	Time Goes	Andromeda	Seinfeld	John Thaw.	Entertainment Tonight	Entertain	Andromeda	Worst Big Wolf	Sportsdesk k	7th Heaven	into the Unknown (N)	NYPD Blue	Hoze	Friends	Ford, Brad Pitt.	News	
8 PM	Harry Hamlin.	Flames at Los Angeles	Heartbeat	Movie: "Leave Her to Heaven" (1945, Drama)	Movie: "The Devil's Own" (1997) (PA) Harrison	That's Life	Sherlock Holmes	Movie: "The Rock" (1996, Adventure) Sean Connery.	Higher Ground	Stargate SG-1	Buffy Vampire	Formula One	Little Men	You Asked	Cops (N)	Jersey	7th Heaven	News	Darkside	
9 PM	Movie: "Pacific Heights" (1990)	Kings. (Live)	Where the Heart is	Red Dwarf	Ford, Brad Pitt.	District (N)	Movie: "Promised Land" (1993) John Thaw.	Comedy Now	CTV News	Saturday Night Live	System	Sportsdesk k	Forever Knight	Timeslot	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	
10 PM	Michael Keaton.	District (N)	Wycliffe Four	Robot	Blake's 7	Sat. Night	Early Edit	Comedy Now	CTV News	Saturday Night Live	System	Sportsdesk k	Forever Knight	Timeslot	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	
11 PM	Movie: "Dark City" (1998)	News	Independent Eye	Blake's 7	Sat. Night	Early Edit	John Thaw.	Comedy Now	CTV News	Saturday Night Live	System	Sportsdesk k	Forever Knight	Timeslot	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	Wayans	

Monday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY [29] ★★"Roustabout" (1964, Musical) Elvis Presley...

crush American Indian resistance. 9:00 pm FAM [26] ★★"Heartbreak Hotel" (1988, Fantasy) David Keith...

9:05 pm CITY [29] ★★"King Creole" (1958, Musical) Elvis Presley...

9:55 pm WTBS [3] ★★"The Ballad of Little Jo" (1993, Western) Suzy Amis...

10:00 pm KNOW [5] ★★"Ugetsu Monogatari" (1953, Fantasy) Machiko Kyo...

10:40 pm FAM [26] ★★"The Monkey's Uncle" (1965, Comedy) Tommy Kirk...

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WGN [33] ★★"As Good as Dead" (1995, Suspense) Crystal Bernard...

5:05 pm WTBS [3] ★★"Geronimo: An American Legend" (1993, Western) Jason Patric...

11:35 pm CITY [29] ★★"G.I. Blues" (1960, Comedy) Elvis Presley...

EVENING

7:30 pm WTBS [3] ★★"Geronimo: An American Legend" (1993, Western) Jason Patric...

The News Leader Word Search

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LET'S TALK ABOUT "WINTER WILDLIFE"

- SURVIVAL HIBERNATION DIGGING TWIGS SHELTER PREDATOR THERD SNOW COLD ICE UNDERGROUND SEEDS FEEDERS HAY HUNGER FEAR FLIGHT GESTATION SCAVENGERS PACK PURSUIT ENDURANCE STAMINA SKINNY

The News Leader: A Very Local Newspaper

Owned and operated by local people for local people

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001

RED ZONES - HIGH COST

GREEN ZONES - LOW COST

Television schedule grid with columns for time, channel, and program name. Includes programs like 'Little House', 'Mama', 'Matlock', 'Hunter', etc.

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NEWS TIPS

Phone: 295-4149 Toll Free: 1-888-350-9969
or Fax: 295-4103

IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BERT JAMIESON
WHO PASSED AWAY
JANUARY 6, 1996

*Sad and sudden was the call
So dearly loved by one and all
His memory is as dear today
As in the hour he passed away.*

Sadly missed by his wife
Margaret, daughter June, Jim
and family

DONATIONS can be made to Princeton Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre Society, Box 32, Princeton, B.C.. A plaque will be placed on the memorial board. Contact John Sinclair @ 295-3947 or Al Hill @ 295-6635. Income Tax receipt will be issued. Mar/Oct

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS TO THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY
DIANNE GRAHAM
295-6648

APPRECIATION

THANK YOU
A belated "Thank you" to Dorothy and Kathie at the hospital for their kindness and consideration after I slipped and fell downtown. Very special thanks to Dr. Doug for all of the above and for seeing that I got home safely!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Marion Marsel

JOB MARKET

COMPUTER TRAINING

INDIVIDUAL COURSES START 4 X DAILY

- Keyboarding
- CorelDRAW!
- Web Site Design
- Intro to Computers
- Computer Troubleshooting
- Getting Your Business Online
- Microsoft Office
- Access
- Internet
- AutoCAD
- PageMaker
- Networking
- Windows Publisher
- PowerPoint

ACADEMY OF LEARNING & LOCAL CALL 310-JOBS (5627)

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

CERTIFIED CAREGIVER

READY FOR WORK
Respite, overnight care, for seniors and /or developmentally challenged people. Skilled in all aspects of Personal Care. First Aid, CPR and Foodsafe.

Please call Jenny @ 295-6053 Anytime References Available

FLEA MARKETS CRAFT FAIRS

THE ELKS & ROYAL PURPLE are sponsoring COUNTRY STORE 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month
Loc: Elks Hall behind Chaps
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Table rentals - \$7.00
Contact Doris Driver at 295-3518 or Rose Aiken at 295-7525

NOTICES

Princeton & District Museum and Archives MEMBERS
The Regular and Annual Meetings will be held Jan. 16, 2001 in the Museum at 3:00 pm
Prospective members and Visitors Welcome!

OTTER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB MEMBERS:
You have until Jan. 6, 2001 to enter your deer, moose, elk horns for the annual banquet March 31, 2001.
Contact Ron at 295-7343

THE WILD GOAT GIFT SHOP AND TEA ROOM
in the Hedley Heritage Museum
Lots of new books and gifts that are exclusive to our shop!
Coffee or tea and home baking everyday
Open Thurs to Mon 9 am - 5 pm
Call (250)292-8422 to book your tour & lunch.
NEW: Hedley Heritage Museum Thrift Shop
Thurs 1-4 pm; Sat 10 - 2 pm

DO YOU NEED HELP?
With personal or family problems. Qualified counsellor and confidentiality guaranteed. For an appointment at our Princeton office call : 1-888-735-9355
LIFE STYLE COUNSELLING SERVICE

NOTICES

CAN'T DRIVE THAT OLD CAR ANYMORE?

Tulameen Motors

Will Tow it Away for FREE
Plus - CASH FOR SOME

Call 295-7481

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Meets at the Health Unit every Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
Open Meeting.
Phone: 295-0542

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Sunday (open meeting) at 8 p.m. in the health centre. Wed. at 8 p.m. in the health centre. Ph: 295-7367; 295-6138. (closed meeting). Fri. at 8 p.m. in the Tulameen Library. Ph: 295-7005. Open Discussion, Sat. 7:30 p.m. Health Unit (closed). Ph: 295-3407.

VEHICLE SALES

1989 YAMAHA EXCITER L/C SNOWMOBILE \$2,500.
FULL SIZE CHECKER-PLATE PICK-UP TOOL BOX, KEYS INCL. LIKE NEW. \$190. FIRM
Phone: 295-7754, leave message. O31/rts

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DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS

NOON FRIDAY - KEREMEOS

NOON SATURDAY - PRINCETON

YARD SALE

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THE ELKS & ROYAL PURPLE
are sponsoring
COUNTRY STORE
1st & 3rd Saturday
of each month
Loc: Elks Hall behind
Chaps
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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**NEWS TIPS!
SPORTS TIPS!
SPECIAL EVENTS!**
Ph: 295-4149 or 1-800-350-9969
Fax: (250) 295-4103

FOR RENT

1 BDRM DUPLEX \$290. per month or \$300. per month utilities included. 293 Angela. References required. Available now. 2 BDRM DUPLEX \$400. per month.
Ph: 295-3640 O24/rts

ONE BEDROOM
\$300. per month. plus utilities
Call Re/max Country
295-3222

14 X 68 MOBILE HOME for rent April 1, 2001, 15 minutes from Princeton, Hwy 5A, Ranch like setting. Barn & riding arena available for horses.
For info phone: 295-3215 J9

2 BEDROOM DOWNTOWN
\$500. per month.
REFERENCES REQUIRED.
CALL
RE/MAX COUNTRY
295-3222

RENT OR RENT TO OWN
3 BDRM MOBILE HOME \$475. per month, 4 pc bath, all appliances included, new carpets, Save \$\$ on wood or gas heat, nice private yard. For more information please call.
Ph: 1-604-795-4069 D12/J9

2 BDRM + DEN HOME 800 sq. ft up, 800 sq. ft down. Downtown location, references and damage deposit required. \$450. per month. Available Jan. 15. Oil Heat.
Ph: 295-0050 D27J9

FOR RENT

NEW HOME ON ACREAGE
Main floor suite, 2 bedrooms + den, juzzi tub, gas fireplace, dishwasher, laundry, utilities and appliances incl. \$600. p/mo
Phone: 295-3966 D12/rts

COPPER TOWN MOTEL
Is now under new management
FOR RENT
MOTEL UNITS, KITCHEN UNITS AND CABINS
\$325/MO AND UP,
PHONE 295-0605

1 bedroom apartment -from \$325. p/mo. to \$400. p/mo. Hot water incl., laundromat. SAFER GRANT for Seniors 60 and over. 1 month 1/2 price for new tenants. References required. Ph: 295-7077 or 295-1010 Glen @ Coldwell Banker Okanagan Realty RTS

COZY 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT IN OLALLA
4 appliances, washer, dryer, fridge, stove, new hardwood floor. \$360. per month plus utilities. No Pets.
Ph: 604-888-4297 Jy11/rts

NEWS TIPS!
Phone: 295-4149
or 1-800-350-9969
Fax: (250) 295-4103

FOR RENT

HALL FOR RENT
68 Billiter Ave.
O.A.P. BRANCH # 185
PHONE: 295-3647

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT,
Fridge and range. Rent for \$375. p/mo. includes heat. In Town.
Phone: 295-6611 S5/rts

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE JAN. 1/2001
195 Bridge St. 496 sq. ft.
Rent: \$275. + shared expense \$131.44 p/mo + gst 28.45
Total per month = 434.89
377 Sq. Ft. new office \$3.50 p/sq. ft. 98.29 per month + shared expenses
For more info call 295-3640 O17/rts

NEWS TIPS!
Ph: 295-4149 or
1-800-350-9969
Fax: (250) 295-4103

PRINCETON MANOR LOCATED DOWNTOWN.
Beat the high cost of Natural Gas heat. Princeton Manor has economical base-board heat. "Adult Only Building". Clean and quiet, close to stores, park and services. Two bdrm \$500., 1 bdrm \$450., Bachelor \$325. Sorry no pets allowed. References and Security Deposit Required.
To view please phone Margaret at 295-6408. RTS

QUIET FURNISHED KITCHEN UNIT. TV, utilities & cable included. Ideal for seniors or working people. Down town location.
Ph: 295-6232 RTS

PINES MOBILE HOME PARK LOTS FOR RENT
Apply at Park Office
Call: 295-3532
or 295-3598

BUSINESS SERVICES

ESSENTIAL MASSAGE ETC...
NEW YEAR RESOLUTION STARTER KIT
Come and be pampered by Pamela
\$35. for 1 hour session
PHONE: 295-7980 LOT 6 SANANGE ESTATES

Looking for a bargain, LOOK a new home, another car? HERE!
Looking for a buyer?
The News Leader
Classifieds 295-4149

Country Rose Childcare
ENERGETIC AND FLEXIBLE
ONLY MINUTES FROM TOWN
COLLEEN KUNDERMAN
LICENSED 295-3625

FOR RENT

TAYLORS MILL MOBILE HOME PARK
3 BDRM HOUSE FOR RENT
Close to town, woodstove, 3 appliances, \$500. per month. Available now.

MOBILE HOME PAD FIRST MONTH FREE!
also available at \$155. per month. No Dogs!
Phone: 250-494-9605 or 295-7077 N7/rts

Clean one bedroom basement suite, fridge, stove, all utilities. Furnished or unfurnished. Ph: 295-6989 after 5 p.m. J15/rts

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX ON 3RD BENCH, F/S, W/D, gas heat, \$450. per month. Damage deposit required.
Ph: 295-7402 D27/rts

NEWS TIPS!
Ph: 295-4149 or
1-800-350-9969
Fax: (250) 295-4103

PROPERTY SALES

TULAMEEN
Small cabin on 50' x 100' lot on 6th street. \$57,000.
Phone: 295-6070

BUSINESS FOR SALE
Profitable information and entertainment hardware business for sale. Nationally advertised product line.
For information please call 295-7476

BUSINESS SERVICES

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTION STARTER KIT
Come and be pampered by Pamela
\$35. for 1 hour session
PHONE: 295-7980 LOT 6 SANANGE ESTATES

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Looking for a buyer?
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CLASSICS MUSIC STUDIO
Piano • Keyboard
• Theory • Pre-School
• Now Teaching GUITAR!
MARIA 295-0120

BUSINESS SERVICES

DAVE'S MOVING



ALL MOVES BIG OR SMALL
IN OR OUT OF TOWN
FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL:
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295-8006 CELL

PELLY CONTRACTING LTD.
PRINCETON, B.C.
JD 650 CRAWLER

- * Landscaping
- * Grooming
- * Shaping
- * Finishing



Phone Cliff - 295-6504
or Bob - 295-6179
or Fax - 295-3382

BINGO

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO IN PRINCETON
SENIOR CITIZENS BR. 30
Seniors Hall @ 162 Angela Ave.
5:30 p.m.
47 numbers called 6 p.m. special (Bonanza & Odds and Evens).
\$20,000. SUPER STAR BINGO! EVERY WEEK!
License 813186

HEDLEY THURSDAY EVENING BINGO
Doors open 4:30 p.m.. Drop-ins 6 p.m. Snowball carry over Jack pot & carry over Loonie. Pot Bonanza & Regular games to follow.

O.A.P BR. #185 BINGO EVERY FRIDAY MORNING!! 9:00 A.M.
Hard Cards
License No. 807532A2


KEREMEOS ELK'S & ROYAL PURPLE
Every Friday
Doors open 5:30 pm
Elks Hall Keremeo
SMOKE FREE BINGO

Hedley OAPO Saturday Evening Bingo
Doors open 4 pm, Drop-Ins 6 pm.
1st 45 Bonanza #'s, Early Birds. 20 regular games, Loonie Pot & G-Ball.
1/2 time special. Jumping Jackpot with minimum consolation of \$50.
Lic. # 3827175

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BINGO
In Hedley at the Chuchuwayha Hall
\$25. Guaranteed min. payout on Regular Games (\$50. double - up card)
Min. \$1,000. progressive jackpot!
Min. \$500. progressive pot of gold!
progressive LOONIE POT min. \$100.
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM
Drop-ins Start at 1:30 pm followed by Early Birds, Regular Games & Specials

PRINCETON/KEREMEOS DRUG and ALCOHOL COUNSELLING SERVICES
FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL
Individual Counselling and Education
Keremeos: Monday & Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
at the Social Services Office
For appointment phone(250) 295-6776
(collect if necessary) Tuesday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30
Princeton: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
PHONE: 295-6776

Free and confidential counselling service
is available to any woman who has experienced sexual abuse as a child or adult or are presently living in an emotionally or physically violent relationship.
Funded by the Ministry of Women's Equality.
Office hours 8:30 - 4:30
Monday & Friday - Keremeos 499-5928
Tuesday & Thursday - Princeton 295-4453



George "Baldy" Elliott
News Leader
Advertising Manager

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THE BEST OF BUNCHGRASS COUNTRY
FULL OF CHUCKLES, SNICKERS, CHORTLES AND HOOTS - SPECIAL PRICE \$8.95 AT THE SIMILKAMEEN NEWS LEADER



BY BUCK JAMESON

Save!
Subscribe and pick up your paper
\$21.75 seniors
Save \$5

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Similkameen News Leader
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For more information contact the Sales Department:
SIMILKAMEEN NEWS LEADER
Phone (250) 295-4149 Fax (250) 295-4103

THE NEWS LEADER DISPLAY ADVERTISING DEADLINE IS NOON FRIDAY RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

Community Newspaper Network Classified Advertising
Reach 2.3 million BC & Yukon readers for \$309 or 11 million readers nation-wide for \$1411

To place a Network Classified Ad, call this newspaper or (604) 669-9222
classifieds@bccommunitynews.com

BUILDING SUPPLIES FLOORING LIQUIDATION. Laminate \$75 Oak Unfinish \$1.49 Prefinish \$2.49 Birch Unfinish \$1.99 Cherry Unfinish \$3.50 6" Rustic Fir \$5.50 Sq. Ft. Prices. 604-539-7392	EDUCATION A NEW CAREER? Train to be an Apartment/Condominium Manager. Many jobs available! Free job placement assistance. Government registered program. For information/brochure Call (604) 681-5458/1-800-665-8339. www.mtil.ca.	EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FIRST BUS CENTRE, Spruce Grove, Alberta has immediate openings for apprentice heavy duty technicians, preferably with school bus experience. We offer excellent compensation and benefits package. Submit resume to: First Bus Centre, Box 3250, Spruce Grove, AB, T7X 3A6. Fax 780-962-1404. Email: ron.eston@firstbus.ca.	TRUCKS "O DOWN O.A.C." Guaranteed credit approvals. Trucks, 4x4's, crew cabs, diesels, sport utilities. Repo's broken leases, heavy duty equipment. Take over payments. Free delivery. Call Lawrence Sicca EC's largest finance broker. 1-800-993-3673. Vancouver 327-5377.
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES SPORTS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY! Introducing the first and only automated Sports Washing System that washes and dries hockey equipment. Great opportunity in conjunction with existing business or as an independent. Territory Rights Available-Investment Required. allen.thieson@easport.ca 1-800-991-7781.	EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES SEISMIC LINE crew helpers. Veritas DGC Land currently has openings for the above field position. Work is labour intensive, requires a lot of walking, and requires lifting up to 70 lbs./35 kgs. Schedule is 28 days in field; 7 days off. Long hours involved (lots of overtime). Accommodations are provided in field. Opportunity for advancement and additional training. WHMIS and H2S training provided. Candidates must be 18 years or older, have a valid driver's licence and a driver's abstract with no more than 10 demerits. Must be able to pass pre-employment drug test. Experience is an asset but will train. Apply in person with abstract or fax to: 2700-61 Ave. SE Calgary, Alberta Fax 403-267-8803.	RECREATIONAL VEHICLES RV SALE INDOORS. www.voyagerRV.ca. 1-800-669-1447.	SERVICES CRIMINAL RECORD? Canadian pardon seals record. U.S. waiver permits legal American entry. Why risk employment, licensing, travel, arrest, deportation, property confiscation? Canadian - U.S. Immigration specialists. 1-800-347-2540.

701 WEEK OF 1.1.01

POINTS OF VIEW

OUR VIEW

We sow seeds of a revolution

Christmas is a time of giving, and a time for begging. We watched The Huron Carole on television, a concert begging for support for food banks. We saw programs and news begging for funds for missions for the homeless, for funds to help the needy children, and for nearly every worthy cause. Homelessness and food banks should alarm us.

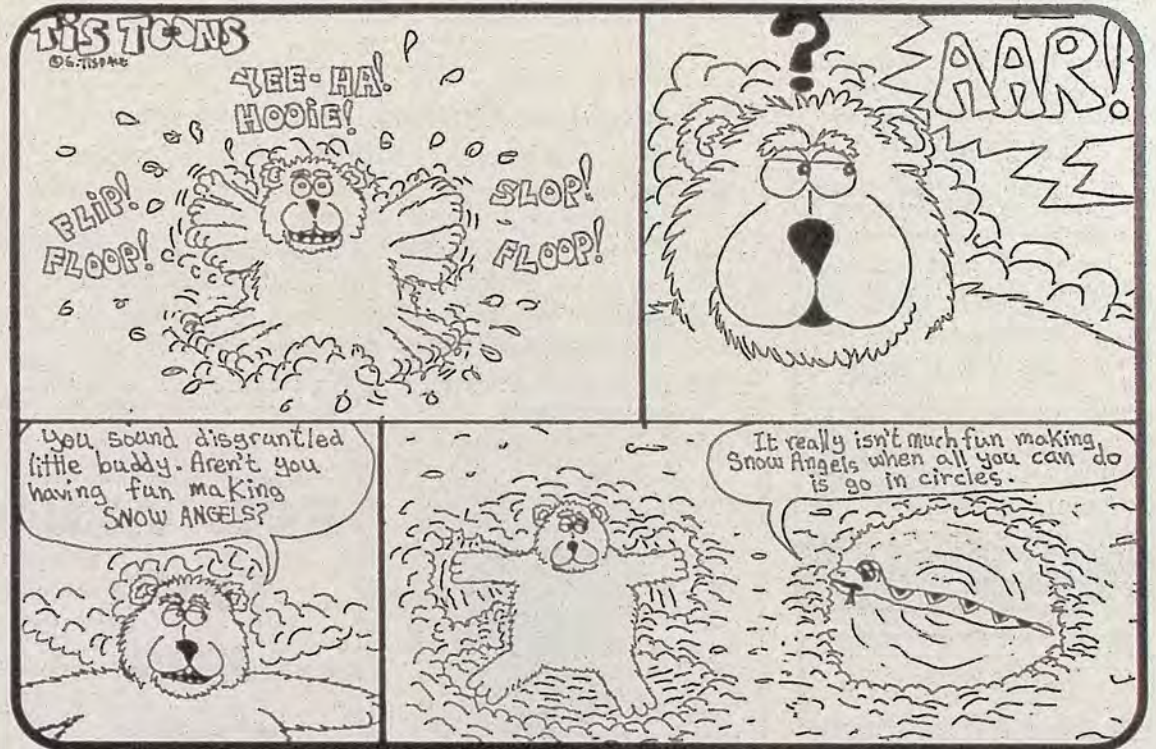
Thirty years ago, in Canada, nobody but addicts and alcoholics were homeless. Today, homelessness includes the elderly, the poor of every sort, and includes families. Thirty years ago, only the Hippies needed food banks. Today, people of all ages, especially families, desperately need food banks. We have more homeless people in Canada today than during the Great Depression. This should alarm us.

We are not suggesting more welfare and more housing for the poor as the first solution, although there is nothing wrong with these solutions. What we are suggesting is that our governments back up a few steps and take a look at the lessons of the past century. It is said that those who do not learn history are destined to repeat it. History showed us a pattern of revolutions in the past century in which the poor, the destitute, the homeless and hungry, organized and took what they needed from the rich. When the "have nots" reach critical mass, they make war on the "haves." The rich never seem to learn their lesson, but the politicians should learn, because they lose their power first in any revolution. Too often, politicians are the handmaidens of the rich, and the poor know that best.

This is not an editorial about capitalism nor socialism, it is about what happens when too much money is in the hands of too few, and governments tax the poor as well as the rich in the name of so-called "equality." There is nothing equal about twenty per cent of a poor man's pay and twenty per cent of a rich man's.

Capitalism is supposed to create riches for everyone. We have seen two decades of corporations creating nothing but chaos in their mergers and take-overs. Few create anything but more unemployed, desperate people. Bigger is not better, and in fact, it is not even really bigger, it is just richer for fewer.

All that is needed now is some fanatic visionary to lead the poor to the riches, and we will see a social revolution comparable to that which occurred in Russia. It is time for our governments to do some re-tooling of our social systems before poverty reaches critical mass.



YOUR VIEW

People are people, not numbers

Dear Editor;

When we come into this world, we receive a name. When it is time to get started in the work force, you still have your name. The minute you are accepted to work at the place you choose, you become a number.

Once you have your number, then they want you on their team. Once you have joined their team, they could care less about you. We have given them a number and have them on our team. Now team, this is the way you work for us. You start by whistles and you stop by whistles, no relief in between time of regular breaks. The more you bust your () for them, the more they want from

you.

When it comes to the summer time and ask them if they are interested in having a "camp-out" we get the cold shoulder.

When it comes Christmas time and ask them about a get-together for an evening, the big honcho has the gall to tell us that he was thinking about it, but could not find a big enough place for us to get together in Princeton. Employees cannot swallow that remark.

Our last night shift of the year 2000, our honcho or second in command did not even have the guts to come and wish us a happy or safe holiday, never mind show their faces around us.

In past years, at least one had the guts to do it. I cannot speak for the rest of my fellow workers, but I think it was very cheap of not one showing up at our last night of the year 2000. This tells me that management do not give a damn about the people who work for them.

For a company that made millions of dollars in the year 2000 and only give their employees a \$30 gift certificate for Christmas is pretty darn selfish. Years ago \$30 would go a long way but today you cannot buy a good bottle of spirit, never mind a turkey large enough to feed a family.

Employee #71915

Gas tax is a lump of coal says MLA

Gone are the days when grandmothers sent children out with buckets on the dangerous winter chore of walking the railroad tracks to pick up pieces of coal that had fallen between the railroad ties from the coal cars rolling to Victoria from the up-Island mines. It was what many of the poorest British Columbians had to do because they were not otherwise able to afford to heat their homes.

In this first Christmas of the new millenium, natural gas prices have increased wildly, and our grandmothers are being told to wear shawls and to turn the thermostats down by two degrees. I say that's not good enough. You cannot pick up spilled natural gas in a bucket. Our provincial government should not be handing our seniors a lump of coal and

calling it a Christmas gift.

The tax on natural gas is an inequitable, regressive tax. It impacts hardest on those least able to pay but who must pay or freeze in the dark. In Alberta, growing tax inequity has resulted in the widest gap between the rich and the poor in Canada. The latest issue of Statistics Canada's "Perspectives on Labour and Income" states that in Alberta, for every dollar in disposable income for those at the bottom of the food chain, those at the top have \$6.10.

The natural gas price increases have produced a windfall tax bonanza for the provincial government, and while balancing the budget and spending more on health care are worthy goals, they should not be done on the backs of the poorest British Columbians, tenants, seniors and those

on fixed incomes. There are those in our society who are better able to pay.

I always believed that government existed to help us build a better life for ourselves, our children and grandchildren, not to raise impediments to that effort.

For me, that is what the Christmas season is about. It is the spark of light in the handful of coal dust, the new hope that by our hard work and goodwill there is a way to make a better world. We celebrate this reaffirmation of life, this festival of lights, at the darkest time of year when, typically, our days are short, grey, cold, but our hearts and homes are warm.

May the coming year bring good health, hope and prosperity for all. Rick Kasper, MLA Malahat-Juan de Fuca.

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We're still going strong!

by Dawn Johnson, Editor, Publisher (and dishwasher, janitor, snow shoveler and what have you)

This week, the News Leader team is celebrating the beginning of our fourth year of publication! When we began, we entered the high-risk competitive world of community newspapers, and we are happy to have weathered the storms of our first three years in business.

One of the principles we set when we started this newspaper was to keep it local and community. We are a local company, owned by local investors who live in Princeton. If you read our address on editorial page, you will find our company address is right here. We hire local people, and we do most of our business within our region, which is the Similkameen Valley. Yes, we have subscribers who live outside our area, but the vast majority of the people who buy our newspaper are local.

We made a commitment to be about news, and I believe we have stuck to that commitment. Once in awhile we miss a story or photo, but it is pretty rare. The most difficult thing is finding the time and energy to gather all of the news. We have been blessed with some great helpers in writing the news, people from clubs, and

from areas out of town. We have had the help of some good "stringers" (part-time reporters) from the South Similkameen - Laura, Laurel, Susan and now, Sherida. We have appreciated all of the writers who have made a contribution, and the once-in-awhile writers who give us their views in letters to the editor.

We have a strong commitment to being a newspaper and nothing else. True, we are a downtown drop-off for Princeton Printers, but that is our only affiliation. You will not find the publisher working in another industry. If you call our office and ask for the publisher, unless I am out gathering news, I will be at our office to answer your call. If you come to our office, you will not find any other kind of business going on. We do not sell shoes, furniture or other goods - we run a newspaper. Another commitment we made at the start was to celebrate the good things about our valley. Any newspaper can report on the tragedies, but we like to report the triumphs even more. That is why we are at nearly every club function and

attend countless meetings. We want to tell about the people who make good things happen in our valley.

Another of our commitments was to promote mutual understanding of people in our region. The Similkameen Valley has numerous small communities, such as Tulameen, or Bankeir, or Olalla or Chopaka. We want everyone to appreciate the diversity of our communities and the contributions valley people make. We believe this is a wonderfully unique valley. We promote the people, and their activities, whether it is a triathlon in Tulameen, a race in Coalmont, a rodeo at Chopaka or a threshing bee in Cawston, each is a reason to be proud of the people of our valley. I will repeat a statement from our first editorial on January 6, 1998: *We intend to serve the best interests of the people of the Similkameen Valley. We want to encourage a vision of what could be, to support a better present and future for the people of our valley.* We intend to keep right on doing that.

Heart Food

by Dave Machin



Fear is an uneasy feeling of trepidation ranging from mild anxiety to hysterical terror. It has the ability to cripple the mind, stop the heart, even change the colour of your hair. Fear keeps us from becoming the person we would like to be. All people have hopes, wishes and goals for their lives. When we are fearful, we hold ourselves back from going after these goals. If we do this it is because we fear that someone won't like us, or that we will be fired, or that we'll fail. The world flows in a negative downhill destructive stream, the root of which is fear. Fear, meditated on, is what we call worry, and worry comes from meditating on the negative thoughts that come into our mind that have the ability to suppress us. Many times we worry about things that never happen and when we think about it later, we wonder why we allow ourselves to be almost overwhelmed. The Bible records that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing (putting in sound condition) all who were oppressed of the devil. Faith in God and His word is totally opposite force to the force of fear. God's word has the ability to remove all fear for fear never comes from God. It's recorded 91 times in the Bible for us to "fear not." God is the creator of this whole world and knows exactly where we are, what we need, what we are going through, and promises He will never leave us. He can take care of us if we will just let Him, and He can do it better than we can. The Bible tells us to cast our cares (worries, fears) upon Him because He cares for us. God is good and His desire is for you to reach your full potential, but not only that, he is there to give us that helping hand. Can you imagine the God of all the universe being afraid of anything?

Pastor Dave Machin,
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Women's Aglow

Women's Aglow is an international organization which began in the United States about 33 years ago with four ladies. In Canada, it began one year later with a group of ladies in Victoria, B.C. Now this organization has circled the globe with nearly 3,300 groups meeting in approximately 200 active groups.

Women's Aglow is a network of caring women from various denominational backgrounds with a heart to encourage, nurture, exhort, and build up, reaching out to all women. Aglow seeks to be available to God, to reach out to women with His hope and love in a practical way.

Generally, Aglow meets once a month, where women can come and bring friends for fellowship and spiritual encouragement. They worship God together and listen to inspiring speakers share their testimonies of what God is doing or has done in their lives.

There is an opportunity at each meeting for prayer and meeting the needs of the ladies who are present. In Princeton, Women's Aglow meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the conference room of Princeton Hotel. All women are invited to attend and experience for themselves the love and goodness of God. For further information, call Donna Jalbert at 295-0102.



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Sunday mixed league saw Paul Adams take the men's high single on December 3, and Bob Paterson bowled an incredible 312 on December 10 for top man. Ron White kept the high average.

Claire Proulx took high single for ladies on December 3, but Joanne Kovacs took it on December 10. The top team single went to 2 balls 2 many on both Sundays, but Legion of Doom took high triple on Dec. 10.

In Monday Mixed action, Bob Wicks hit the 313 mark for men's high single, and Vern Preston took Men's high four, on December 3, but the following week, Preston took both.

In the ladies' division, Barb Gould and Sherry Wright seasawed from one week to the next, each claiming high single, high triple and high average.

Peelers and Pointers was the top team triple both weeks, but I Have No Idea was top single Dec. 3.

Tuesday Golden Agers saw Pat Mellor as high single and triple on December 5, but the following week, it was Denis Percival and Jim Nicholson.

Lady Golden Agers Beulah Russell and Lynda Lyng took single and triple respectively Dec. 5, but Billie McKinnon was back at the top the following week, and took it all on Dec. 12.

The Dead Beats and the

Slowpokes battled it out for team highs both weeks.

Tuesday Non-Smoking League featured Jim Riederer and Virginia Brock as top scoring man and woman on December 5, but Mike Gallichan cleaned house for the men on Dec. 12, and Denise Lewis and Carol Seaman took over single and triple.

Alley Cats were top single team and Turkey Shooters top triple on Dec. 5, but Gutter Rats took it all on Dec. 12.

The Wednesday Mixed League had Aaron Gould as top man on Dec. 6, with the mother-daughter-in-law duo of Dea and Noreen Stadler as top ladies. Top Team was Upcomers. On December 13, Bill Horrex took top men's single. Gene Stadler took the triple. Jeanie Williams took it all, and

the Headers were the top team.

In Youth Bowling, Smurfs top boys were Tyler Johnson and Orion Driver both weeks, with Skyla LaRose as top girl on Dec. 7 and Tess Ziegenhagen top girl on Dec. 14. The Rug Rats were top team Dec. 7 and Our Gang was top on Dec 14.

Among the Juniors, Andrew Doyle took top single, and Nathan Howe top triple for the boys on Dec. 13, with Christina Kovacs taking it all for the girls. Team high single went to The Yankees, and the triple to the Power Puffs.

The Bantams' Terence Stadler took it all both Dec: 7 and 14, with Jenn Walton as top girl on Dec 7 and Nora Freeman and Britts Clifton doing the honours on Dec 14. Top teams were KT&C Dec. 7 and D&T Dec. 14.

Dialogue on Diabetes

by Joseph Dubé

If you are a member of the Diabetes Association of Canada, you will receive periodically a magazine called Dialogue. The most recent edition of this magazine features the following articles: Achieving freedom - is pump therapy the answer?, The dangers of denying diabetes, and The Buyer's Guide to new products.

In order to help our members of the Diabetic Support Group in Princeton, let's talk about a very serious subject, that of the concept of denial. The article titled "A Stubborn Streak" discusses precisely that subject. A major problem for people with diabetes centers on the concept of denial. As we know, diabetes can be a very serious disease, and denying that one has diabetes is a very risky course of action. The earlier diabetes is identified and treated, the better the quality of life for the person involved.


Here is a summary of that article mentioned above. For more than 25 years, my husband Dick had hidden the fact that he had dia-


betes. The first symptoms, thirst and lethargy, hit him after a particularly bad flu. After being diagnosed, his blood sugar was consistently above 12 mmol, far too high, because he was eating the wrong foods. For many years, he got by, as he had an outdoor job and lifted weights.

Five years ago, when his energy level decreased noticeably, the doctor recommended insulin injection. Dick refused. He was afraid of becoming hypoglycemic while out in his open work boat. Constantly feeling exhausted, Dick began sleeping one or two hours halfway through the morning, and again later in the afternoon. Instead of coffee, he would take caffeine tablets throughout the day for energy. He did not want to admit his body was failing him.

It took some convincing, but now that Dick is receiving proper treatment, he admits, "I should have done it years ago."


This is a follow-up on the article previously published on the Diabetic Support Group of Princeton by Joseph Dubé.






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