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## Is this the last year for Katimavik?



Above, equipment moves a rockslide at Red Bluffs on the road to Tulameen last week. Falling rock is not uncommon at this time of year, but rarely does enough rock come down to block the road. The lower photo gives the perspective. Photos courtesy K. Kunderman.



### Princeton is in year three – that's the limit

Could Princeton have Katimavik working in the community for another year?

Twenty local people met with Katimavik regional director Pamela Lang on Wednesday, February 25, to talk about the future of Katimavik in Princeton. Lang explained it is rare that a community has Katimavik participants for more than three years, and Princeton is on its third year. In the usual procedure, this would be the final year for Katimavik in Princeton.

At the same time, Lang said Princeton has been a "very supportive community" for Katimavik. Due to the expansion of the number of "projects" (groups) in B.C. this coming year, Princeton might be considered for a fourth year because it is a good experience for Katimavik participants.

Everyone at the meeting expressed their wish to have Katimavik back. Bonnie Jesten, Principal of John  
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### Fair Board looks at summer event dates

A smaller than usual group of Fall Fair members met at the Bey home on February 24. The main focus for discussion was the upcoming motorsports events and the level to which the Fall Fair would participate in the events.

Lane Carter gave an update on the progress toward a motocross track, and said the B.C. representative of Fox Racing is interested in designing the track. Copper Mountain Bar and Grill is planning to bring in a comedian for an evening of entertainment, with proceeds going to Princeton Motorsports Club.

The group plans to have table tents made up to promote the motorsports events and Fall Fair.

September 1 was set as the deadline for applications by vendors to have a booth at the Fall Fair. The price of a booth has increased to \$40 for the weekend, as several members said the present fee was "ridicu-

lously cheap" compared with fees at other fairs. Booths must be paid for in advance to guarantee space. Fall Fair members felt there should be more members with a "Serve It Right" certificate. Fall Fair will pay for four members to  
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### Chutter says budget is good for our area

Dave Chutter, MLA for Yale-Lillooet, sees many positive points in the 2004 budget for his constituents. He sees the Lillooet Land Resource Management Plan to be completed this year as one of the most important as it provides certainty to the land use base.

Other positive points include  
\* Spirit of 2010 Business Summit formed to bring businesses, investors and community leaders together to develop Olympic strategies

\* new rural health travel assistance plan

\* schools receiving high-speed Internet

\* \$16.8 million to assist farmers and ranchers affected by BSE situation

\* more opportunities for small-scale salvage loggers

\* 25,000 new post-secondary spaces by 2010 to fill skill shortages

\* a \$313 million increase in education funding over the next three years.

### Local resident reports an internet fraud attempt

A Princeton resident reported to RCMP that he received a "SPAM" e-mail from a bank company requesting information on his bank account numbers and requesting his PIN (personal identification number). The e-mail explained that due to a computer problem, customers were having difficulty accessing their accounts, so in order to fix this, they needed the information from the customer. The e-mail address did contain "support" and used the company's name.

RCMP contacted the company to find indeed that it was a scam to gain access to the person's account

numbers. At no time should anyone provide their PIN number to anyone, or record it in a wallet or purse, or use numbers that can be guessed (such as phone numbers, post office box numbers or dates of birth). Protect your PIN number at all times when punching keys at businesses or at ATMs.

Consider that your debit card, credit card and phone card are money (credit) and if stolen, can be used to get credit or gain access to your accounts. If your PIN has been compromised, change it. Some companies hold you responsible if your bank account has been accessed.

Playoff Game # 1 - February 27  
Rockies 11 Posse 3

Playoff Game #2 - February 28  
Rockies 7 Posse 2

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## Fall Fair looks at dates continued from front

take the course. Last year, Fall Fair paid for members to take a First Aid course, and in previous years, paid for members to take Food Safe training. The upgrading of members' skills is a priority for the kind of major events put on by Fall Fair Association.

Some members felt certain people had taken unfair advantage of free benefits at the Fall Fair. This year, all volunteers will receive tickets for free items from the concession and will be charged for the items they want unless the ticket is turned in. Nobody will

receive free items without a ticket

Tophy Hanna is Entertainment Convenor, and he requested a budget by the next meeting, which will be on March 30. He said the sponsor letters are going out soon, and names were mentioned of businesses who had wanted to sponsor but had not received a letter last year. These people had expressed their disappointment, and will be invited this year.

The Fair Board has purchased an updated Judging Manual. This is the guide for how all fair exhibits should be judged. The new manual will be used this year for all categories of exhibits.

# Thank You!

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THANK YOU also to everyone who attended, and to those we may have forgotten to mention.  
It's YOU who made it such a success!  
**RON WHITE, President, OVF&GC**

## Last year for Katimavik?

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Allison Elementary School, vouched for the excellent rapport her school has had with Katimavik workers. Ken Heuser, School Trustee, expressed the same sentiments.

Many others agreed, speaking from the perspective of partnership organizations who have had Katimavik workers.

A few people attended who had billeted Katimavik participants, and expressed their appreciation for the fine character of the young people who had stayed with them. It was apparent the billet "parents" had developed a real feeling of "family" for those who joined them in their homes.

Lang said she would consider applications from Princeton groups who wanted to be Katimavik partners and provide jobs, but she needed to have the applications by April 16. She had the necessary forms with her.

Lang could give no date as to when the decision would be made as to whether Princeton could have a fourth year of Katimavik. She said the decision would be made around the end of April.

## Young Entrepreneurs will receive local awards

The fifth annual EDDY awards (enterprising, Dedicated, Dynamic Youth) has adopted a new format this year, keeping pace with the busy lives of the young entrepreneurs the program recognizes. The EDDY awards recognizes the achievements and successes of young entrepreneurs in the south central interior of B.C. In the past four years, the event has included a gala awards evening complete with a keynote speaker and entertainment. This year, instead of one single event, award winners and finalists will be presented with their award at an event or function in their community.

### No date set for GST rebate

The date has not been set for the Goods and Services Tax rebate, worth approximately \$20,000 to Princeton.

Beginning on February 1, 2004, municipalities no longer have to pay GST on purchases. The rebate is for one year only, and is not retroactive for the entire period during which the federal government has collected GST.

under that live in the South Central Interior (from Blue River to the border as far east as Grand Forks) are eligible to be nominated for an EDDY award. The deadline for nominations is March 19, 2004. Nomination forms are available online at [www.cfdcco.bc.ca/eddy](http://www.cfdcco.bc.ca/eddy)

All nominations should be sent to CFDEC Central Okanagan, Landmark Technology Centre, 110-1632 Dickson Ave., Kelowna, BC, V1Y 7T2.

Seven awards will be presented which reflect the many facets of excellence in youth entrepreneurship. The categories are:

- \* Innovation and Technology
- \* Service Excellence
- \* Student Entrepreneur
- \* Community Involvement
- \* Promotion of Social Change
- \* Creativity in Business
- \*Supporter of Youth Entrepreneurs.

Nominees must be 29 years old or younger as of April 1, 2004. Nominees for Supporter of Young Entrepreneurs may be of any age.

The EDDY awards are sponsored by the Ministry of Competition, Science & Enterprise and Western Economic Diversification.

## Welcome Wagon greets newcomers

Linda Rytkenon, Welcome Wagon representative, greeted four new families: Lisa and Brian Haigh and family from Fruitvale, B.C.; Yvonne and Ron Hobson from Clearwater, B.C.; Dean and Jaime Howard and family from Abbotsford, B.C. and Carl and Jeanette Smith from Salem, Oregon.

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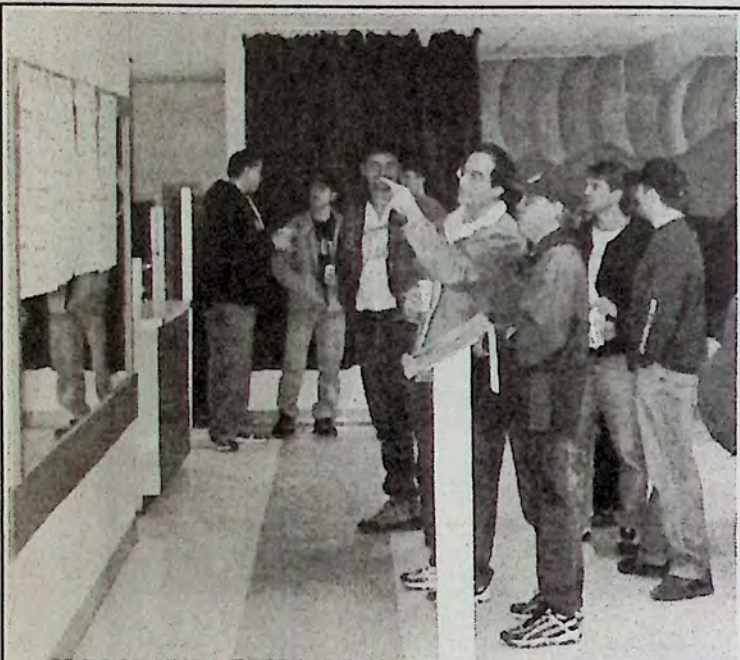
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Players and teams carefully look over the list of eligible players in Friday night's Adult Draft at the Arena Mezzanine. Close to 80 local players made up six of the teams in the ten team fun tournament held over the weekend.

## RCMP seize marijuana and cocaine from local residences

Princeton RCMP continue their crackdown on drugs.

Around 9:00pm last Thursday night Princeton RCMP executed a search warrant on a property on Old Hedley Road.

A male was arrested and one hundred and eighty five marijuana plants were seized from various buildings on the property.

Most of the plants were seedlings but police believe the grow op had been in business for several years.

The resident faces charges of Production of a Controlled Substance and was released to attend court June 10th in

Princeton.

Princeton RCMP executed another search warrant at 4:00pm last Friday on a residence on Halifax Avenue.

The search located a quantity of cocaine.

A 19-year old male and 27-year old female were taken into custody and later released to attend court June 10th.

Both face charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Princeton RCMP state they are committed to a safer community and will continue to combat illegal drugs.

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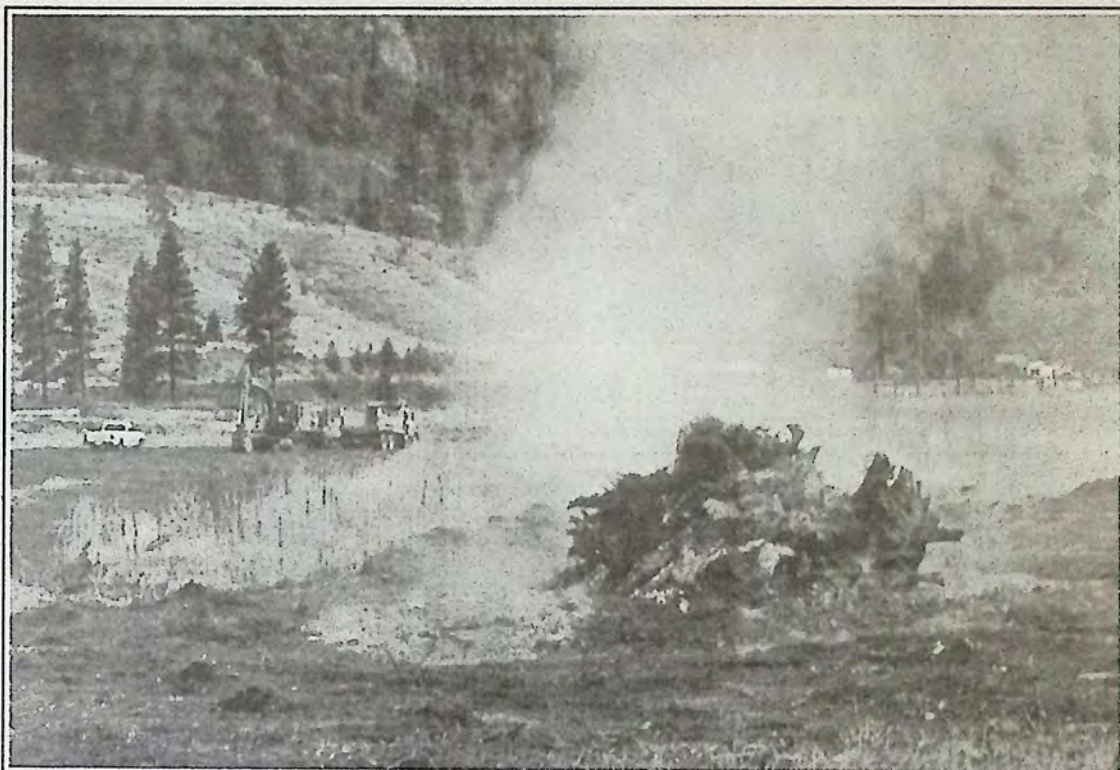
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Special thanks to Sandra Taylor and PSS, Shar Martini and her students at Riverside, Abe & Mona Willis, John Babiak, Craig Einfeld, Dean Stinson and Doctors David and Doug Reid and all who bid on items to help raise funds.

We apologize if we have forgotten anyone. We all pulled together and worked hard to produce a very enjoyable evening. Winner of the year end draw for the signed Phoenix Coyotes jersey was McKenzie Guardiero of Princeton.



Around Keremeos, people are out working in their fields, gardens and greenhouses. Above, land clearing and brush-burning near Standing Rock. Spring is on the way!

## Land commission rejects removal

The B.C. Land Commission met with Keremeos Village Council regarding the Village Community Plan. The Commission told Council it would not remove the Haithwaite property from the Agricultural Land Reserve as the property is too valuable as agricultural property. The Haithwaite's had offered it to the Village for use as industrial development property. Another property northeast of the Village will remain agricultural.

At the same time, the Commission offered a possible solution for the Village's lack of land. The Commission said it would approve an application from property owners south of the old railbed to have their property removed from ALR. These properties could be sub-

divided down to .4 acre and the Village could re-zone the properties as Country Residential. This could create 50 or more lots.

Village Council will hold a public meeting near the end of March at which Council will

present proposed amendments to the Community Plan. At that meeting, following the presentation by Council, the public will have the opportunity to make submissions for consideration by Council. Then Council will go to final draft for a bylaw.

## Consultant will look at water system problems

Village Council has selected a consultant to examine the longstanding water problems of the community. The consultant will review the two choices available to Council. This process will take approximately four months.

The first choice the Village has is to take over the Keremeos Irrigation District service within Village limits. The second choice for the Village is to completely take over Keremeos Irrigation District, its properties, services and responsibilities.

The consultant will go over the implications of both the scenarios and meet with the committee comprised of Village and Irrigation District representatives. The commit-

tee will select the best option and recommend this option to the provincial government.

Even the cheapest option may cost as much as \$10 million, a sum the Village does not have. Funding would have to come from infrastructure grants. The most likely source of funding would be the infrastructure grant system in which the federal, provincial and Village governments would each pay one-third of the cost. There is really no inexpensive way out of the dilemma in which the Village finds itself regarding the water system. There must be an adequate flow of water to meet firefighting regulations, and the present system does not meet the requirements of the regulations.

## Trackers still looking for cougar

While the snow was still on the ground, more cougar tracks were seen within Village limits. Trackers and trappers are still looking for the cougar, but with the snow gone, local residents may have to actually see the cougar before any more tracking can be done.

The paw prints seen in the most recent incident were of different sizes, leading to the possibility of more than one cougar in the area making treks through the Village. Cougars are territorial and can have a large territory which they will patrol on a fairly regular basis.

Missing pets, sightings of tracks or cougars, should be reported to Village office immediately.

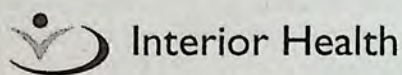
## Construction of new RCMP station begins soon

Construction of the new RCMP building across the road from Hilltop Esso is slated to begin on April 1. The tenders have been issued. Occupancy of the building is not expected until next year.

In the meantime, Village Council has hired a geotechnical study to be done on the hillside and under the highway, as the sewer line will have to go up

the hill and then be punched under the highway. A geotechnical study will tell crews what kind of obstructions may exist underground and what kind of material they can expect to encounter (gravel, clay, boulders, etc.) The geotechnical study is to begin in two weeks. No date has been set for putting the sewerage system in place, but it is likely to be in summer.

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Mamoud Delaram, left, plays a game of backgammon with his son, Mostafa at the Seniors Hall. The elder Delaram is vacationing on a 6-month visitor visa from Iran, and has a membership at Branch #30, where he plays backgammon and chess a couple of days a week. Other members say the language barrier has not been a problem and they enjoy Mamoud's board game skills, including those at the pool table. Mostafa and his wife, Emily, own and operate Chap's Restaurant.

## Princeton RCMP respond to local break-in

Police were called to the Belaire Restaurant on Vermilion Avenue early last week.

An overnight break-in was discovered when staff arrived to open for business at 8:00am on Monday morning, February 23rd.

Princeton RCMP report the suspects had cut the phone lines

and pried open the back door in order to gain entry to the premises.

A small amount of change and some meat products were taken in the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime can contact the local police detachment or Crimestoppers.

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## Help angry kids stay in control

The following article is taken from John Allison Elementary School newsletter. We think it is worth sharing with everyone. It is paraphrased from Dr. M. Borba's book, *Parents Do Make a Difference*

Here are some ways to show children how to deal with anger. When children learn to stay cool and in control, then they can think about how to fix their problems.

1. Show your children how to stay cool when facing problems by being calm, even in a crisis. Your child sees how you behave, and if you take the time to think and talk about how to solve the problem, your child will learn this is how problems are solved.
2. Explain to children that staying calm is important. Teach them to take slow, deep breaths when they are upset, and explain to them that they cannot think properly if

they do not remain calm. Emphasize the importance of solving the problem without displays of reckless anger.

3. Discuss anger with your child, and teach your child to recognize the signs of anger. Explain that everyone becomes angry at some time, and there are little warning signs when our anger is building up. These signs may include

becoming red in the face, tears, heart beating fast, clenched fists, and so on. Children can learn to look for anger in others as well as in themselves.

When children understand anger, and adults acknowledge anger but teach problem-solving rather than acting out, the children will learn there are acceptable ways of dealing with anger.



Students at John Allison Elementary School enjoyed a buy-sell-trade book fair on Friday. Students swapped books, bought books, and a few parents took part in the event. Above, students check out the contents before trading.

## Friends help friends

Princeton Chapter of Compassionate Friends released their first newsletter. Stories of personal losses, poetry, pictures and strategies for coping are part of the content. Copies are available at local physicians' offices, Health Unit, hospital, funeral home and at this newspaper office.

The newsletter will be published four times a year and Friends are seeking contributions such as poetry, favourite stories about or by your child and your story on what helped you survive the loss of your child. Compassionate Friends is a non-profit, self-help organization offering hope and grief education for all families who have experienced the death of a child.

The Princeton Chapter has been active since 1995 and meets once a month at Belaire Restaurant. For more information contact Chapter leader Shirley Haker at 295-3607 or thaker@cablerocket.com. The international organization's web site is [www.TCFCanada.net](http://www.TCFCanada.net)

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## Living Past 100

### More hidden fat sources

There are some people who never seem to gain a pound, while others, who eat moderately, cannot seem to lose a pound. Sometimes, this kind of obesity is not about calories, it is about the stuff hidden in food we take for granted.

The first thing people should do before trying to lose stubborn fat is to have a physical check-up. Be sure fat problems are not related to thyroid disease or diabetes. When these are ruled out, look at the hidden causes of accumulated fat and inability to lose it.

First, how much salt do you eat? You may think, "I use very little salt." Then let's look at it another way: how many salty foods do you eat? Do you eat pickles, relish, potato chips, cheeses, vegetable or chip dips, corn chips, canned soup? These are salty foods. Try gauging how much salt you eat every day in your food. Better still, if you eat the foods listed above, try doing without them for a week and see if you lose weight.

Other foods that may be giving you trouble are wheat and rice. The hard wheat grown in Canada is very difficult to digest and may be a little toxic to some people. Try to reduce your consumption of wheat products to a minimum.

Some people like rice, but eat only white rice. This is a mistake. All that is left is the starch, and it disagrees with a lot of people. If you eat a lot of rice and wheat products, try substituting barley for rice, and use barley flour (use less than wheat flour).

Food allergies do not always show up as rashes, hives or headaches. Sometimes your body reacts by pushing the offending products into fat cells, as if the substance is toxic.

If you are an obese man, chances are you have what is called a 'beer belly'. This form of obesity is extremely dangerous in men. Studies have shown such men are far more likely to have a heart attack than a moderately obese woman. 'Beer belly' should be called 'beef and beer belly' as the usual cause is beer and beef in the same meal. The combination of sugar (beer) and beef (fat and protein) is almost guaranteed to put fat on a man's belly. It's a guy thing.

Take a good look at what you eat before you decide what to cut out and how much you are going to exercise. Losing weight takes brains.

# Hedley prepares for outhouse races

This year, Hedley celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first gold ore crushed in 1904. The day the first stamp (crusher) dropped, it was named Stamp

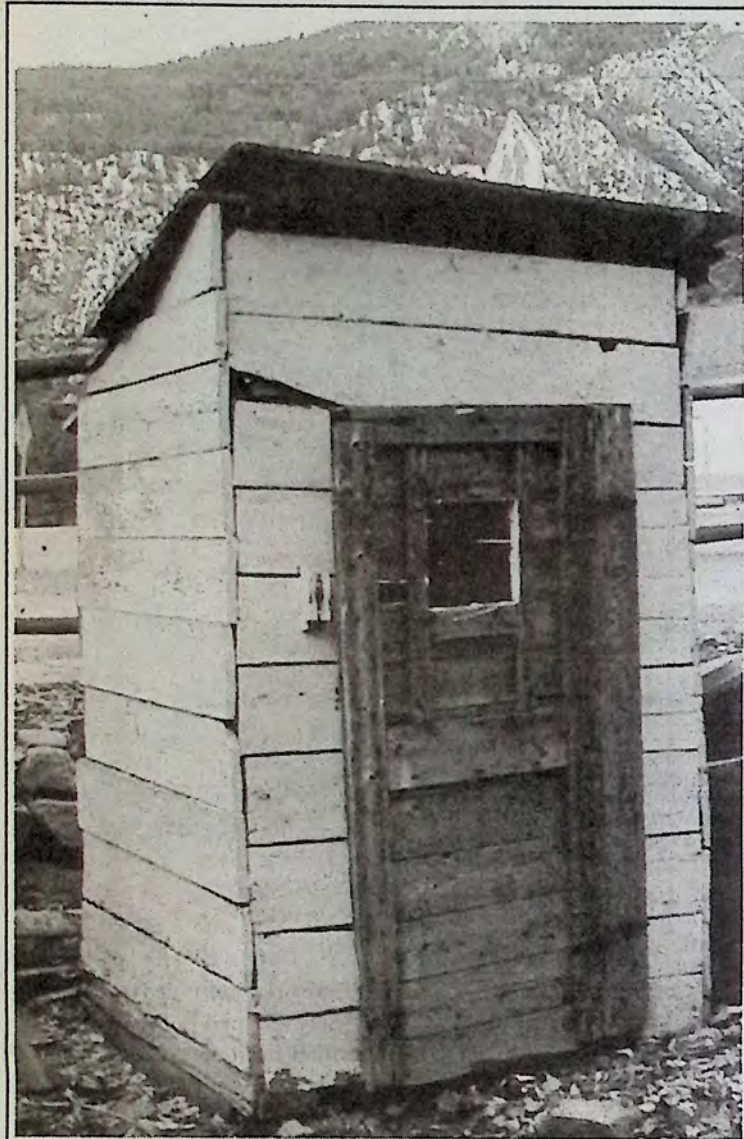
Mill Day, and was celebrated for approximately 80 years. This year, it is being revived for an entire weekend, May 1 and 2, and one of the special features

of the weekend is the outhouse race on Sunday, May 2.

The race will take place at 10 a.m., with pre-registration at 9 a.m.

If you look at the bottom photo, you can see the correct size and shape of a race-worthy outhouse. If you want the specifications, contact Chuck at (250) 292-8787 or 292-8101.

There will be posters out soon giving the specifications for building your racer, and the rules of the race are available. The lawnmower base could possibly be obtained at your local recycling area, landfill or ask your neighbours if they have any mowers with worn-out motors.



This is a standard model outhouse located at Hedley Museum.

## Chief Holmes squeaks in

Chief Richard Holmes returned to office in the Upper Similkameen Indian Band election held on February 21. He won by a single vote over Michael D. Allison. Three people ran for Chief.

Two Band Council seats were filled by the election of Carmelletta Ida Annie, Holmes and Charlene Kathleen Allison (the incumbent). Seven people ran for Councillor.

There were 40 eligible voters, and 32 cast ballots.

Those elected will serve the Band for a two-year term.



This is the racing model outhouse. Specs available.

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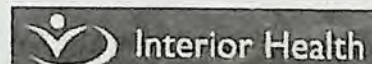
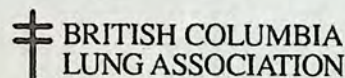


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Alexandria Smith



Shayla Tillotson

## Two receive February "Student of the Month" award

Two Princeton Secondary School students share the honours as February Student of the Month. They were nominated by teacher D. Cappos who praised them for starting the Drama Club. This club is launching a dramatic production of 'Alice in Wonderland' which will be presented to the public in approximately a month.

Ali Smith is a Grade 12 student who plans to go to Okanagan University College to study for a career as a counsellor. Her work in the Drama Club includes being the producer and doing stage management.

Shayla Tillotson is a Grade 12 student who plans to leave home when she graduates, become a bartender, and become famous. In

the Drama Club, Shayla does stage management, set design, and acts as the Queen of Hearts.

Ms. Cappos says their inspirational and organizational skills have made the Drama Club a reality.

Both girls received Levi wrist-watches from the Parent Advisory Committee, which sponsors "Student of the Month".

## French immersion program benefits discussed at meeting

On Sunday, February 15, fourteen parents descended on the Chamber of Commerce Board room to hear Suzanne Lawrence of Merritt talk about the French Immersion program offered there. Lawrence is a substitute FI teacher and the Merritt Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Chapter President. With Lawrence was Harjit Kandola who is also a CPF member and a parent of two Colletteville Elementary immersion students.

Lawrence offered many reasons for learning a second language at a young age. Learning French opens doors to knowledge, communication, travel and work in Canada and other French-speaking countries. Knowing both English and French allows a child to speak to 556 million people in 83 countries.

Studies have shown that immersion students tend to do better in other school subjects and they become more flexible thinkers. The French immersion curriculum is the same as English, on the language of instruction is different. Learning French has positive effects on English language proficiency because skills learned in

one language transfer to the other.

Many studies have found from late elementary on, early immersion students often outperform their English program counterparts in some English skill areas. It is speculated that enhanced abilities in the students' first language may be the result of a greater awareness of language in general and the ability to compare and contrast the two language systems. Immersion students receive a "double-dose" of language arts as compared with English program students.

Children's self-esteem can be heightened. Lawrence gave a personal account of a student with a speech impediment in English but none when he spoke French.

Parents worry about enrolling their children in FI because parents who do not speak French cannot help with homework. Lawrence said FI students become very organized and responsible with homework because they have to! Kandola added parents who do not know the correct pronunciation can actually cause problems with spelling. Children can have the teacher to recite correct pronunci-

ation on tape for practicing at home. Lawrence added it is still very important for parents to continue reading to their children in their first language.

After many questions from parents, Sandra Simpson discussed funding of FI and CPF. The federal government funds FI through the Ministry of Canadian Heritage. FI will not take money from any other educational program now offered in Princeton.

School District #58 has had FI for more than 20 years. The district received \$68,365 in the 2002/03 school year for FI and this year has already received \$48,329 with more due in spring. The bulk of this funding went to Merritt.

If Princeton begins the FI program in a local school, more federal funding would come to Princeton. Funding is based on the number of children enrolled in FI. Princeton could access funding for learning resources, building a library of French books, learning assistance, computer programs, etc.

Canadian Parents for French is a national organization, made up  
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# weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004



Grace Rice, with husband Dan at left, accepts first prize, which she promptly turned over to Dan. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary the day before. Good things come together!

## Fish were scarce in the Otter Lake Ice Fishing Derby

Ron White, President of Otter Valley Fish and Game Association, heard some strong complaints about his failure to stock the lakes

before last weekend's ice fishing derby at Summit and Prosser Lakes north of Princeton.

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Breann Lindley, with Grandpa Frank Lindley, shows off her prize - she was the only youngster who caught a fish.

### Keep It In The Green Zone!

PLP's "Power-By-The-Hour" Contest Entry

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### Keep It In The Green Zone!

PLP's "Power-By-The-Hour" Contest teaches you how...

#### The Quiz - Week 5

Today's Date is Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 - the Time is 12:00 PM.  
 According to PLP's Time Of Use Schedule, would this be in a "RED ZONE" time period or would it be in the "GREEN ZONE"?

#### Winners!

- 13 Weekly Draws - February 6<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 \$25.00 Credit to the PLP Power Bill of your choice!
- 3 Monthly Draws - February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
 \$100.00 Credit to the PLP Power Bill of your choice!
- Final Grand Prize Draw - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
 \$500.00 Credit to the PLP Power Bill of your choice!

#### The Gear

You will need "Power-By-The-Hour" Charts. They are available at both the Princeton Light & Power office and at the News Leader. You will require these to get the correct answers to the weekly questions.

#### The Loot

- Week 4 Winner of \$25 PLP Power Bill Credit: R. Marshall
- Month End Winner of \$100 PLP Power Bill Credit: Carol Ruoss

#### The Routine

- 1) Get Weekly Question from News Leader..2) Determine Answer from PLP Charts..
- 3) Fill out Entry Form from PLP or News Leader..4) Drop Off Entry at PLP or News Leader..
- 5) Win if Entry is Drawn..6) Enter Weekly and Enter Often..7) Have Fun!

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Some people really know how to make ice fishing a lot of fun, even without a shack. Above, anglers at the ice fishing derby came fully equipped with chairs, food and tackle.

Following two minutes of silence in memory of Otter Valley Fish and Game founder Ray Brewer, White announced the winners among the 32 adults and 20 children who entered. Breann Lindley was the only kid to catch a fish. Top prize, a power auger, went to Grace Rice for her 2.5 lb. trout. Howie Gallagher took second for \$100 for one-pound, Jim Powell took \$75 home with his 13 oz. fish, and Cliff Robinson's 9 oz. trout brought him \$50.

## Princeton Posse Playoffs VS. Columbia Valley Rockies

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**GAME 3 - March 1 @ Princeton**  
**GAME 4 March 2 @ Princeton**

## 2003-04 Princeton Arena Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Hockey Game	9 - 11:00 AM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	Hockey Game
Hockey Game	11 AM - 12 PM Adult / Tot / Seniors	1:15 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	1:15 - 2:30 PM Adult / Tot / Seniors	1:00 - 2:25 PM Stick & Puck	1:15 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	Hockey Game
Hockey Game	1:15 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	4:00 - 4:45 PM Tykes Practice	3:15 - 8:00 PM Figure Skating	2:15 - 3:30 PM Posse Practice	3:15 - 5:15 PM Figure Skating	Hockey Game
Hockey Game	3:15 - 7:45 PM Figure Skating	4:45 - 5:30 PM Novice Practice	8:15 - 9:30 PM Posse Practice	4:00 - 4:45 PM Tykes Practice	5:15 - 6:00 PM Jr Girls Hockey	Hockey Game
4:45 - 6:00 PM FREE Public Skating	8:00 - 9:00 PM Posse Practice	5:30 - 6:30 PM Atoms Practice	9:45-11:15 PM OPEN FOR RENTALS	4:45 - 5:30 PM Novice Practice	6:15 - 7:15 PM Ladies Hockey	Hockey Game
6:15 - 7:15 PM Girls Drop-In Hockey	9:15-10:45 PM Oldtimers Hockey	6:45 - 7:45 PM Pee Wee Practice		5:30 - 6:30 PM Atoms Practice	7:15 - 8:15 PM Public Skating	5:00 - 6:30 PM Public Skating
7:30 - 9:00 PM Adult Rec Hockey		7:45 - 8:45 PM Bantams Practice		6:45 - 7:45 PM Pee Wee Practice	8:15 - 8:45 PM Teen Stick & Puck	Hockey Game
		9:00 - 10:15 PM Posse Practice		8:00 - 9:00 PM Bantam Practice	9:00 - 10:30 PM Pumpkins Hockey	
		10:30 - 11:30 PM OPEN FOR RENTALS		9:15-10:45 PM Adult Rec Hockey		

### Tournament Dates:

**NOTE:** Public Skating Is CANCELLED or CHANGED on Tournament Weekends

March 6: Figure Skating show

For More Information Contact Princeton Arena at 295-7222

## tuesday movies

### MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★½ "Just Visiting" (2001, Comedy) Jean Reno. A magic mix-up sends a medieval knight and his servant to modern-day Chicago in this remake of "Les Visiteurs." (CC)  
 11:00 am A&E (9) ★★½ "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin. Life spins out of control for five criminals after a successful heist draws them into the grip of an unknown nemesis. (CC)

### AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Drama) (PA) Mel Gibson. Two Los Angeles police detectives battle South African drug smugglers who are protected by diplomatic immunity. (CC)

### EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Along Came a Spider" (2001, Mystery) Morgan Freeman. Based on James Patterson's novel.

Detective Alex Cross and a Secret Service agent play cat-and-mouse with a kidnapper.

7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Drama) (PA) Mel Gibson. A veteran detective teams with a reckless, eccentric partner to investigate the death of a Los Angeles prostitute. (CC)

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Big Top Pee-wee" (1988, Comedy) Pee-wee Herman. Pee-wee Herman finds romance and adventure when a storm drops a traveling circus in his backyard. (In Stereo) (CC)

9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Drama) (PA) Mel Gibson. Two Los Angeles police detectives battle South African drug smugglers who are protected by diplomatic immunity. (CC)

10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Dear God" (1996, Comedy) Greg Kinnear. A con artist's plan to reap the unclaimed bounty of the postal service's dead-letter office takes an unexpected turn. (CC)

## wednesday movies

### MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Dear God" (1996, Comedy) Greg Kinnear. A con artist's plan to reap the unclaimed bounty of the postal service's dead-letter office takes an unexpected turn. (CC)  
 11:00 am A&E (9) ★★ "The Fourth Protocol" (1987, Suspense) Michael Caine. A British intelligence agent tracks a Russian spy planted in England to build and detonate an atomic bomb. (CC)

### EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. An uncouth FBI agent goes under cover as a beauty pageant contestant to flush out a terrorist.  
 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "On Deadly Ground" (1994,

Adventure) (PA) Steven Seagal. An ex-CIA agent declares war on an Alaskan oil company when substandard equipment threatens lives and the environment. (CC)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "K-9" (1989, Comedy-Drama) (PA) James Belushi. An unorthodox narcotics agent who lost one partner too many is forced to team up with a no-nonsense police dog.

FAM (26) ★★ "A Pyromaniac's Love Story" (1995, Comedy) William Baldwin. Confessions abound and love reignites when a businessman's lovelorn son torches a bakery to impress a former flame. (In Stereo) (CC)

10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "The Long Kiss Goodnight" (1996, Adventure) Geena Davis. An amnesiac assassin remembers her past and prowess bit by bit as her former government colleagues try to kill her.

## Similkameen News Leader WEEKLY OPINION POLL

**THIS WEEK:**  
Have you stopped eating Canadian Beef?

**LAST WEEK:**  
50% of respondents said they thought Riverside School would be a good place for a Community Centre. 50% said they did not.

We want to hear your thoughts.  
Results will appear here next week.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004

Main program schedule table for Tuesday, March 2, 2004. Columns include station call letters and numbers (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX 41, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and time slots (6 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM). Rows list program titles such as 'Crocodylle Dundee II', 'Dawson's Creek', 'Lethal Weapon', 'Seinfeld', 'Friends', 'Surviving the Wild', 'The Sopranos', 'The West Wing', etc.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004

Main program schedule table for Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Columns include station call letters and numbers (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX 41, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and time slots (6 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM). Rows list program titles such as 'Movie: "K-9" (1989)', 'Dawson's Creek', 'Lethal Weapon', 'Seinfeld', 'Friends', 'Surviving the Wild', 'The Sopranos', 'The West Wing', etc.

## Regular Meetings

- \* Otter Valley Fish & Game Club regular meetings 3rd Saturday of month, noon, at clubhouse
- \* Similkameen Christian Riders meet at the A&W every Wednesday evening at 6 pm for a ride. To join, show up
- \* Princeton Writers Group meets every second and fourth Thursday 7pm at Br 30 Sr Citizens Hall 162 Angela Avenue
- \* Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday each month at 2 pm Hospital board room
- \* PGH/Ridgewood Lodge Foundation meets 2nd Monday, 12:15 Hospital Boardroom
- \* Hedley Library open 2-7pm Thursdays
- \* Princeton Paintball Club meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. Contact 295-0673
- \* Princeton Rifle and Revolver Club meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. from October 1 to May 30 at the indoor range in the Cultural Centre. 295-6150.
- \* Princeton Fish & Game Club meets first Monday of month at 7 p.m. at Weyerhaeuser training building Call Ray 295-7508.
- \* Princeton Chamber of Commerce meets every 3rd Thursday at Chamber office 7 pm
- \* Legion Branch 56 meets 3rd Thursday of month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall
- \* Princeton Motor Sports meets the first Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Arena Mezzanine

## Similkameen News Leader Community Calendar

### MARCH

- 1 - Town Council meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 - Country Chapel Father's Table soup and coffee at noon  
Princeton Figure Skating Club show  
Keremeos/Cawston Sportsmans banquet
- 8 - Hospital Auxiliary meeting
- 9 - PXA meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 15 - SPRING BREAK  
Town Council meeting
- 27 - Hedley Talent Night and supper Community Hall 5 pm

### APRIL

- 9 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 11 - EASTER SUNDAY  
Chopaka Rodeo  
Easter Fun Day at Don & Anna's Greenhouse

### MAY

- 1 & 2 - Hedley Stamp Mill Days 100th anniversary
- 3 - Council meeting
- 9 - Mother's Day at the Grist Mill
- 15 - KEREMEOS "KRUNCHER" 50 km run  
Otter Valley club clean-up
- 15, 16 - Princeton Canadian Pro Rodeo
- 22,23, 24 - Keremeos Elks Rodeo  
Cathedral Lake Powwow  
Hedley slowpitch tournament
- 29 - Otter Valley Pike Mtn. clean-up  
Princeton Grad ceremonies
- 29,30 - Music Under the K at Keremeos

### JUNE

- 5,6 - Spring Motorsports Festival
- 12,13 - Otter Valley Pike Mtn. Fishing Derby  
Rotary Golf Tournament
- 20 - Coalmont-Princeton Run  
Father's Day at the Grist Mill

### JULY

- 1 - CANADA DAY
- 12, 13 - Keremeos Lions Carnival
- 24,25 - Keremeos Eagle Ultramarathon
- 30,31 - Keremeos High School Reunion, Rodeo grounds

## thursday movies

### MORNING

- 10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Backfield in Motion" (1991, Comedy) Roseanne Arnold. Reactionary townspeople form an offensive line when a widow tries to organize a mothers-and-sons football game. (CC)
- 11:00 am A&E (9) ★★ ★★ "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" (1965, Drama) Richard Burton. A British agent in the twilight of his career is sent to East Germany as an unwitting pawn in a high-level plot. (CC)

### AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ ★★ "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. A Chinese supercop and a rule-breaking American detective team up to find a Chinese consul's kidnapped daughter. (CC)
- CITY (29) ★★ "Carrie" (2002, Horror) Angela Bettis. Based on Stephen King's novel about a telekinetic teen who is driven to the breaking point by her cruel classmates. (DVS)

### EVENING

- 7:10 pm WTBS (3) ★★ ★★ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1996, Adventure) (PA) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong cop encounters double-dealing agents as he tracks a stolen nuclear warhead from the Ukraine to Australia. (CC)
- 9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ ★★ "Mystic Pizza" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Annabeth Gish. As summer draws to a close, three Connecticut pizza waitresses cope with the trials and tribulations of modern romance.
- 9:10 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Lionheart" (1990, Action) (PA) Jean-Claude Van Damme. An AWOL legionnaire reluctantly participates in an underground fighting circuit to raise money for his brother's family. (CC)
- 10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ ★★ "The Ipress File" (1965, Drama) Michael Caine. Crook-turned-secret-agent Harry Palmer tries to find a missing scientist. Based on characters created by Len Deighton.
- 11:10 pm WTBS (3) ★★ ★★ "Thunderbolt" (1996, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. A psychotic driver kidnaps the sisters of a Hong Kong mechanic who bested him in an impromptu car race. (CC)

## friday movies

### MORNING

- 10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Mrs. Winterbourne" (1996, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. A destitute runaway and her newborn child are mistakenly welcomed into the fold of a snobbish Massachusetts family.
- 11:00 am A&E (9) ★★ ★★ "Blue Thunder" (1983, Adventure) Roy Scheider. A Los Angeles helicopter patrolman hijacks an experimental supercopper supposedly planned for civilian crowd control. (CC)

### AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. Premiere. A vacationing L.A. cop and his Asian partner search for clues in the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Hong Kong. (CC)
- A&E (9) ★★ ★★ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979, Adventure) Clint Eastwood. Premiere. Based on the true story of a hardened convict who engineered an elaborate plan to bust out of the famed prison in 1962. (CC)
- CITY (29) ★★ ★★ "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro. Premiere. Based on the true story of Carl Brashear's struggle to become the Navy's first black master chief diver. (CC)

### EVENING

- 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. A vacationing L.A. cop and his Asian partner search for clues in the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Hong Kong. (CC)
- 7:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ ★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff. A new cadet at a military academy must prove that she is stronger than the upper-

- classman who wants to break her. (In Stereo) (CC)
- 8:00 pm KNOW (5) ★★ ★★ "My Uncle Silas" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Albert Finney. In Edwardian England, a 10-year-old boy spends an idyllic summer in the country with his mischievous uncle.
- 9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ ★★ "Mr. Nice Guy" (1997, Comedy) (PA) Jackie Chan. A television chef gets caught up in a gang war when he helps a reporter escape from a crime lord. (CC)
- A&E (9) ★★ ★★ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979, Adventure) Clint Eastwood. Based on the true story of a hardened convict who engineered an elaborate plan to bust out of the famed prison in 1962. (CC)
- 9:10 pm FAM (26) ★★ ★★ "Get Shorty" (1995, Comedy) John Travolta. Premiere. A charming hoodlum from the East Coast uses the power of persuasion to realize his dream of becoming a Hollywood mogul.
- 10:00 pm KSPS (6) ★★ ★★ "The Rainmaker" (1956, Drama) Burt Lancaster. A Southwestern spinster's loveless life is rejuvenated when a con man descends on her father's drought-ridden ranch.
- 10:06 pm CITY (29) "Beverly Hills Bordello 7" (1998, Adult) Premiere. A collection of erotic tales.
- 10:40 pm FAM (26) ★★ ★★ "Ladyhawke" (1985, Fantasy) Matthew Broderick. A young thief aids a 13th-century Spanish knight and his lady, who are under the curse of an insanely jealous bishop. (In Stereo) (CC)
- 11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ ★★ "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1" (1993, Comedy) Emilio Estevez. A loose cannon and his strait-laced partner battle bad guys and bad puns in this send-up of action flicks. (CC)

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## Horoscopes

March 2 to March 9, 2004

- ARIES** - Your money situation improves this weekend, but do not feel you can spend a lot. You still need to watch your cash flow. A lot is going on in your mind now. Watch out for colds, flu. Be alert.
- TAURUS** - Your energy levels climb. This weekend should be very pleasing for you. Try to have some fun. As the week ends, you may feel a bit stressed due to changes. Adapt. A change of plan will benefit you.
- GEMINI** - You could be your own worst enemy this week if you let imaginings and suspicions rule your behaviour. You may be angry with friends, spouse for being different. Change happens. Accept.
- CANCER** - Your career and groups you belong to keep you very busy this week, but you may receive benefits from others, too. This is a good time to count your blessings as others share their resources with you.
- LEO** - Career demands a lot of effort, but rewards are on the way. Don't give up just because you are tired or stressed. Prepare for a pleasant journey next week. Clear up paperwork, resources, now.
- VIRGO** - Partner, good friend, or spouse provides you with valuable information. Do some serious talking. You must finish up some tasks related to your public image and to long distance travel. Work hard.
- LIBRA** - You receive information about debts, mortgage, shared resources, insurance. Double check facts. Partner, friend is willing to share. Travel to a faraway place may put you in danger now.
- SCORPIO** - Partner, spouse or friends want money you cannot afford to spend. Put limits on fun, children, and entertainment. You need to be financially conservative now. Check plumbing, water supply at home.
- SAGITTARIUS** - Your career continues to run smoothly, but watch out for deception. Icy roads may cause problems for you - drive carefully. Home life is good. Watch out for sibling rivalry.
- CAPRICORN** - You remain very busy with news, errands, and contact with siblings. At home, you may want to do improvements to make your home look better. Sports, pets, youngsters take up your time.
- AQUARIUS** - Activity around your home and family keeps you on the run. Your primary concern is money, and what you value. You need to double check financial information. Be practical, suspicious.
- PISCES** - Your financial picture looks good. Paperwork, errands and communications keep you very busy now. Your mind is peaceful now, and friends, partner, and people you consult are very optimistic.

## Similkameen News Leader Recipe Corner

### CREAM OF CORN SOUP

This soup can be in a pot simmering within 15 minutes.  
It's hearty and very flavourful.

- 3 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup onion flakes or 1 chopped onion
- 1/3 cup instant potato soup mix or 1 medium potato, shredded
- 1 1/2 cups frozen corn or canned corn
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1 bay leaf
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp mace or nutmeg
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 1 tbsp chopped chives (garnish)

Melt butter or margarine. Add onion and potato and cook gently; shake pan occasionally to prevent sticking. Add the corn and stir. Add milk, bay leaf, salt, pepper, mace or nutmeg and bring to simmer. Add bouillon cube and simmer until onion, corn and potato are tender. Adjust seasoning. **DO NOT BOIL!**  
You can put it into a blender to puree or serve as chunky cream of corn soup. Serve in soup cups and add a sprinkling of chives and croutons in each cup. Yields 4 - 6 servings. Enjoy!

Recipe by B

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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004

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FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004

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# saturday movies

## MORNING

9:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Cocktail" (1988, Drama) (PA) Tom Cruise. A cocky young man looking for quick success teams with a veteran bartender to take the Manhattan bar scene by storm. (DVS)

11:00 am WGN (38) ★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey. The pet detective is called upon to retrieve a sacred white bat that can stop a war between African tribes. (In Stereo) (CC)

11:45 am WTBS (3) ★½ "Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) (PA) Kirsten Dunst. A teenage boy and his family get caught in a war between evil toy soldiers and nonhuman action figures. (CC)

## AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf. The Stevens family's free vacation turns out to be a TV producer's secret ploy to get them on a reality series. (In Stereo)

1:00 pm FOX (25) ★★½ "F.I.S.T." (1978, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. A gritty laborer rises from local union organizer to national power and prestige in this story inspired by Jimmy Hoffa.

CITY (29) ★½ "Race the Sun" (1996, Drama) Halle Berry. A new teacher inspires aimless teens in a Hawaiian high school to design, build and race a

solar-powered go-cart.

1:34 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Jett Jackson: The Movie" (2001, Adventure) Lee Thompson Young. An unusual accident sends a teenager and his television alter ego into each other's realities. (In Stereo) (CC)

1:45 pm WTBS (3) ★ "Wild Wild West" (1999, Western) Will Smith. A pair of 19th-century secret agents uses a wide array of gadgets and disguises as they battle a criminal genius. (CC)

4:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. A Chinese supercop and a rule-breaking American detective team up to find a Chinese consul's kidnapped daughter. (CC)

YTV (18) ★★ "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.

5:00 pm KTLA (27) ★★ "City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold" (1994, Comedy) Billy Crystal. The late Curly's twin brother joins Mitch and friends for a rough-and-tumble horseback search for hidden treasure. (In Stereo)

CITY (29) ★★ "Frequency" (2000, Science Fiction) Dennis Quaid. A man sees the opportunity to change the past when he is miraculously reunited with his long-dead father via ham radio. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)

## EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. A vacationing L.A. cop and his Asian partner search for clues in the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Hong Kong. (CC)

8:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Money Talks" (1997, Comedy) (PA) Chris Tucker. A fast-talking con artist asks a TV reporter for help in evading the cops and robbers who are hot on his trail. (CC)

KXLY (10) ★★ "Frequency" (2000, Science Fiction) Dennis Quaid. A man sees the opportunity to change the past when he is miraculously reunited with his long-dead father via ham radio. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)

YTV (18) "Sabrina Goes to Rome" (1998, Fantasy)

Melissa Joan Hart. While exploring ancient Rome, the teenage witch falls in love with a man who wants to expose her supernatural ties. (CC)

KTLA (27) ★★ "Mad Dog and Glory" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Robert De Niro. Love enters the life of a lonely photographer when the gangster whose life he saved rewards him with a woman. (In Stereo)

8:30 pm WGN (38) ★★ "Black Rain" (1989, Drama) Michael Douglas. A detective clashes with the Japanese police and the brutal Osaka underworld when he searches for a fugitive mobster. (In Stereo) (CC)

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "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. (In Stereo) (CC)

CITY (29) ★★ "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. (CC)

10:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A young filmmaker finds himself battling villains with his screen idol after a magic ticket catapults him into a movie. (CC)

11:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979, Drama) Dustin Hoffman. An account of the bitter fight between an executive and his estranged wife over custody of their 7-year-old son. (CC)

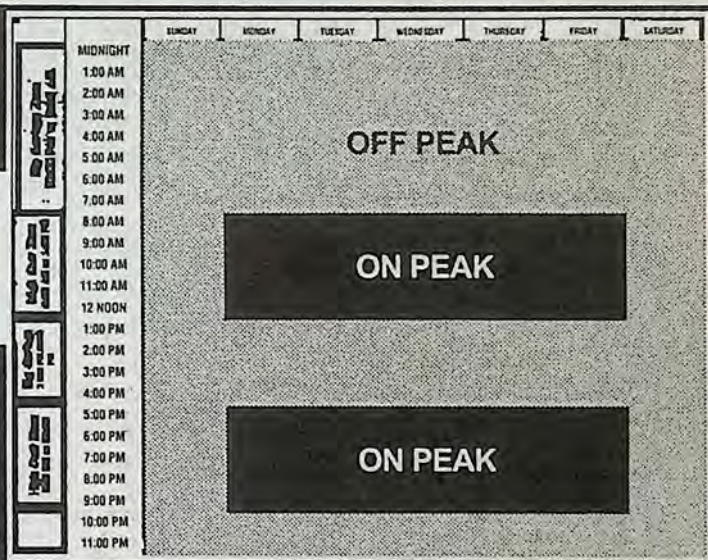
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# saturday movies

## MORNING

6:30 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry. A fateful one-night stand leads to a rocky marriage between a WASPish New Yorker and a lively Latina. (CC)

8:30 am A&E (9) ★★½ "Pacific Heights" (1990, Suspense) Michael Keaton. A couple's plan to turn their Victorian manor into an apartment house backfires when they take on a sociopathic tenant. (CC)

8:45 am WTBS (3) ★½ "Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) (PA) Kirsten Dunst. A teenage boy and his family get caught in a war between evil toy soldiers and nonhuman action figures. (CC)

10:00 am WGN (38) ★★ "Best Men" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Dean Cain. A media circus erupts when a group of friends stops to rob a bank on their way to a wedding. (In Stereo) (CC)

10:45 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Mr. Nice Guy" (1997, Comedy) (PA) Jackie Chan. A television chef gets caught up in a gang war when he helps a reporter escape from a crime lord. (CC)

11:00 am CITY (29) ★½ "Celtic Pride" (1996, Comedy) Damon Wayans. Two rabid basketball fans aid their team's quest for the championship by kidnapping the opposition's star player. (CC)

## AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★½ "Jack" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Robin Williams. A boy who physically ages at

four times the normal rate takes his first steps into a strange and wonderful world. (In Stereo)

WGN (38) ★★ "Trial and Error" (1997, Comedy) Michael Richards. An unsuccessful actor gets the role of a lifetime when he impersonates his friend, a talented lawyer, in the courtroom. (In Stereo) (CC)

12:30 pm KTLA (27) ★★½ "Cadillac Man" (1990, Comedy) Robin Williams. A car salesman's womanizing ways get the better of him when an armed husband lays siege to his dealership. (In Stereo)

12:45 pm WTBS (3) ★ "Wild Wild West" (1999, Western) Will Smith. A pair of 19th-century secret agents uses a wide array of gadgets and disguises as they battle a criminal genius. (CC)

1:00 pm VTV (22) ★★½ "Bedazzled" (2000, Comedy) Brendan Fraser. A shapely Satan grants a lovesick nerd seven wishes in exchange for his soul in this remake of the 1967 classic.

1:55 pm FAM (26) "You Wish!" (2003, Fantasy) A.J. Trauth. An exasperated teen makes a wish that he didn't have a younger brother, and awakens to find that it has come true. (In Stereo) (CC)

2:00 pm WGN (38) ★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey. The pet detective is called upon to retrieve a sacred white bat that can stop a war between African tribes. (In Stereo) (CC)

2:30 pm CHBC (4) ★★ "A Goofy Movie" (1995, Comedy) Voices of Bill Farmer. Animated. Goofy's teenage son must put his

date with a lovely friend on hold after Dad drags him along on a vacation. (CC)

KTLA (27) ★★ "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams. The arrival of his son's future in-laws forces a gay nightclub owner and his lover to pose as husband and wife. (In Stereo)

3:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (1999, Comedy) Mike Myers. The "International Man of Mystery" and a comely American agent attempt to retrieve Austin's stolen mojo from Dr. Evil. (CC) (DVS)

VTV (22) ★★ "Star Wars" (1977, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill. A farmboy, a princess and a swashbuckling renegade unite to lead a rebellion against the evil Galactic Empire.

4:00 pm YTV (18) "Sabrina Goes to Rome" (1998, Fantasy) Melissa Joan Hart. While exploring ancient Rome, the teenage witch falls in love with a man who wants to expose her supernatural ties. (CC)

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EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) "The Survivor's Club" (2004, Drama) Roma Downey. Premiere. Authorities investigate three women after a hired killer shoots the man accused of raping them. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan. A Chinese supercop and a rule-breaking American

detective team up to find a Chinese consul's kidnapped daughter. (CC)

CHBC (4) ★★ "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" (2001, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. Based on the book by J.K. Rowling. A student wizard must prevent a magical artifact from falling into evil hands. (CC)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Big Hit" (1998, Action) (PA) Mark Wahlberg. A professional hit man and his crew find themselves in hot water when they kidnap their boss's goddaughter. (CC) (DVS)

KREM (8) "The Survivor's Club" (2004, Drama) Roma Downey. Premiere. Authorities investigate three women after a hired killer shoots the man accused of raping them. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)

FAM (26) ★★ "Mad Love" (1995, Drama) Chris O'Donnell. Fiery passion consumes a responsible high-school senior and a free-spirited classmate. (In Stereo) (CC)

11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Police Academy" (1984, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg. Misfits realize their dreams of becoming cops when a mayoral decree forces the police academy to open its doors to all. (CC)

FAM (26) ★★ "The Candidate" (1972, Drama) Robert Redford. A young liberal tries desperately to avoid being corrupted by his campaign for a Senate seat.

11:30 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Feast of July" (1995, Drama) Embeth Davidtz. Premiere. A family is destroyed when an unfortunate woman seeks refuge in its midst. Based on the novel by H.E. Bates.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2004

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MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

Television schedule grid with columns for channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITV, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX 41, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and rows for time slots (6 AM to 11 PM).

monday movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) \*\*\*"Send Me No Flowers" (1964, Comedy) Rock Hudson. A hypochondriac who wrongly believes he's dying vows to find a new husband for his unsuspecting wife. (E)

11:00 am A&E (9) \*\*\*"Downhill Racer" (1969, Drama) Robert Redford. An aloof ski bum feels inclined to race in the Olympics when the top-ranked skier is injured on the slopes. (E)

AFTERNOON

4:30 pm WGN (38) \*\*\*"Michael Collins" (1996, Drama) Liam Neeson. A charismatic Irishman steps up his country's bloody campaign to break the yoke of British rule. Based on a true story. (In Stereo) (E)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) \*\*\*"Down to Earth" (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock. A black comic who met an untimely death is sent back to Earth and given the body of an older white tycoon. (E)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) "Behind the Camera: The Unauthorized Story of Charlie's Angels" (2004, Docudrama) Dan Castellana. Premiere. The television series, which became a cultural phenomenon in the 1970s, has a tumultuous first season. (In Stereo) (E)

6:55 pm WTBS (3) \*\*\*"Back to the Future Part III" (1990, Adventure) (PA) Michael J. Fox. The final chapter in the time-traveling trilogy finds Marty McFly and Doc Brown tangling with a villainous gunslinger. (E)

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KXLY (10) "Judas" (2004, Drama) Johnathon Schaech. Premiere. Judas becomes a follower of Jesus Christ, but later betrays him to the Romans for a few pieces of silver. (In Stereo) (E)

FAM (26) \*\*\*"Real Genius" (1985, Comedy) Val Kilmer. A student and his roommate learn that their superior scientific aptitudes are being used to cultivate military weapons. (In Stereo) (E)

9:35 pm WTBS (3) \*\*\*"Down to Earth" (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock. A black comic who met an untimely death is sent back to Earth and given the body of an older white tycoon. (E)

10:06 pm CITY (29) \*\*\*"Feast of July" (1995, Drama) Embeth Davidtz. A family is destroyed when an unfortunate woman seeks refuge in its midst. Based on the novel by H.E. Bates. (E)

11:20 pm WTBS (3) \*\*\*"Back to the Future Part III" (1990, Adventure) (PA) Michael J. Fox. The final chapter in the time-traveling trilogy finds Marty McFly and Doc Brown tangling with a villainous gunslinger. (E)

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## my turn

### Why we are thankful we live in cattle country

One of the signs of Spring for us is calving season.

When you live in an area surrounded by ranchers, you grow to appreciate the arrival of these wonderful four-legged creatures.

Not only is it the start of the circle of life for another generation of cattle, it also signals there is still life in the ranching industry.

Life that nearly ended for many ranchers thanks to Mad Cow and the fear it produced.

The crippling effects and misunderstanding of the disease may take some ranchers years to recover from, if at all.

All through the controversy, we never quit eating Canadian beef. We even demanded - to no avail - that stores we shopped at carry Canadian beef instead of New Zealand products.

We felt we had to help our neighbours in keeping their businesses running because, after all, the ranchers we know would have been there to help us in times of trouble.

It is the time of year when we truly enjoy living in cattle country, partly because of the lifestyle and partly because we know local ranchers produce grain-fed cattle.

The main point here is we never lost our faith in the cattle industry, even when other countries did by closing borders and banning our quality product.

Maybe we see it differently because we live where farming cattle is a way of life for many, a family tradition still alive and kicking in the Similkameen.

Thankfully, just like those newborn calves.

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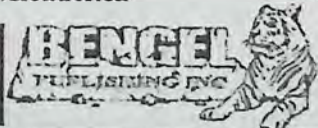
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## your turn

### Beds close while Campbell's friends prosper

Dear Editor;

Health Board directors, all directly appointed by Gordon Campbell, raked in \$1,002,572 in fees and expenses during the last fiscal year according to an exclusive article by Michael Smythe, a Province reporter in 'The House' dated February 20, 2004.

Health Board directors were voluntary positions prior to 2001 when the Campbell administration made them into paid positions for some of his friends as part time jobs.

One example: Jack Kreut was

appointed part-time chairman of the Vancouver Island Health Authority and was paid \$44,500 in fees plus \$3,875 in expenses for attending six board meetings in the past year BUT GET THIS: Mr. Kreut is the CEO of Terasen Gas, Vancouver Island (full-time occupation).

Other appointees who are apparently at the trough are Keith Purchase, former CEO of Timberwest Forest Products, along with Wynne Powell, the president of London Drugs, who was appointed chairman of the Provincial Health Services

Authority.

Apparently a tracing has been made of the corporate connections of Health Board directors linking them to companies that donated one million dollars to the B.C. Liberal Party since 1996.

It has also come to the attention of a B.C. Supreme Court Judge that Health Board meetings were being held, illegally, in secret.

If this doesn't make your blood boil, nothing will. We've got to kick out this Campbell gang!

(Editor's note: The pork barrel is one of Canada's oldest, and smelliest, traditions.)

### Reader has a 'beef' with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association

Dear Editor;

"A Bull Market"

We have, since infancy, been taught that the free market is based on competition designed to keep prices at their lowest levels. So I became rather perturbed when I recently read a letter from the President of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association addressed to small town newspapers. This gentleman was imploring us to help out his industry by eating more beef. To him and all other Canadian cattlemen I address the following message.

I am an old age pensioner and I believe that I speak for many of us. I believe that I also speak for most wage

earners. We feel your pain and we would dearly love to eat more beef. For a short time a few months ago, we could actually afford to stock our freezers with hamburger meat that reflected the market cost. While we stocked up we felt pangs of guilt because we realized that the stockmen you speak for are actually losing their shirts. We apologize for letting our temporary bonanza over-rule our collective conscience. But alas, the dream is gone, we are once again facing reality.

Recent visits to supermarkets have seriously dampened our ardour for beef. We know you are still losing money but the meat cutter is pricing the meat at 14 dollars a kilogram

for the cheap cuts. When seeing those prices we don't risk angina by checking the cost of T-bone. Doesn't the disparity between what you get for your cattle and the shelf price suggest collusion rather than competition?

Please, Mr. President of the CCA, let us, all would-be consumers respectfully bring to your attention that if you expect Canadians to eat more beef, your association should be addressing the problem through government intervention in the euphemistically named 'free market'. Free enterprise is not working! And, just writing this makes me hungry.

Sincerely, HP Toews,  
Princeton, B.C.

Current Comment

# Do you want to be micro-chipped?



Dawn Johnson  
editor@thenewsleader.ca

Believe it or not, there are people who happily had microchip implants so the government knows where they are all the time. A whole family in the United States paid \$200 each to have microchips implanted in their bodies!

The microchips send out signals to a satellite which reads all of your personal information from the chip: your name, birth date, registration number with the government (SIN) and so on. It is hard to say how much personal information would be transmitted because we would have no guarantees as to what is on the microchip. Few of us are expert enough to examine a microchip.

The argument used for promoting microchip implants is this: your chip is linked to a satellite and is part of the Global Positioning System (GPS) so if you are ever lost, you can easily be found. How many of us are ever in that situation? Perhaps, if we are kidnapped and cannot use our cell phones, we might need our microchip. How often do we expect this to occur?

Parents are invited to have their children microchipped so they can be found if lost. Usually, if your child is lost, that child is either dead or kidnapped, and the microchip will likely be of use in that case. Otherwise, why have it?

It seems nobody thinks about the other side of the microchip equation: if you are linked to a satellite, signals can go both ways. If your microchip is sending signals to the satellite, what guarantee do you have that no signals are being sent to your microchip?

There are sounds which can be used to inflict pain or even blow you to bits. In fact, there are some experts who believe this kind of technology was used to pulverize the World Trade Towers. They claim the pancake effect should not have created all of that dust. The buildings were built to withstand the impact of a plane crash-

ing into them. In earthquakes, when a building pancakes, it does not turn to all that dust we saw when the towers collapsed. Maybe the experts are right.

Maybe intense sound waves were used to bring down the towers.

What guarantee do you have that your cute little microchip implant is not rigged to keep you under control or stop you dead if the government does not like what you are doing? It is technologically possible to direct a small intense sound wave or laser beam to a microchip and blow you to smithereens.

There are concerns in the United States that being microchipped might become mandatory. Perhaps it would first become mandatory for convicted criminals, on the excuse they could always be located if they escaped from prison or committed another crime. However, what if their crime was political, such as opposition to the government in power? How could a microchipped population ever get rid of a dictator? Imagine what Hitler could have done with a microchipped population!

There are a lot of other things to consider, like the expert programmers and medical people who might go into the business of

"stealing" microchips from good people and switching from bad people.

Does this really sound far-fetched? Consider this: valuable pets and livestock are already being microchipped as a routine way of identifying the animal.

The first of the ID chip implants in humans was reported in the Los Angeles Times, May 9, 2002. These chips are also known as VeriChips, produced by Applied Digital Solutions, Inc.

We have heard suggestions of eye-scan ID systems, or implanting a chip in your thumb. We can put these chips in our ID cards, too. How the chips work is like the bar code on an item in a grocery store. With the right scanner, the chip can be read and everything about you is immediately available to whoever is scanning your chip. Do we really need this for airports to prevent terrorists? Will any of us feel more secure if we can be scanned?

I don't know how you feel about it, but I see the end of freedom if people are forced to have microchip implants. Mandatory implants imply the need to control everybody and automatically stop freedom. Too many people have died for freedom to lose it to a microchip.

## Heart Food

by Dave Machin

When you meditate on something, your mind and your heart will eventually be filled with the thing you are meditating on. How does this happen? You are giving your attention to it. In other words, you are continually mulling it over in your mind. Think about this based on what it is that you are good at. Did you not meditate on that thing and give it more and more of your attention? However, just because you meditate on it and begin to give your attention to it, you did not have success in that particular area overnight. There was one more thing you had to involve yourself in. You had to do what it was you were meditating on. It was only as you began to practice the thing you were giving your attention to that you became more and more proficient at it. Built-in desires to prosper (be successful) at life. God gives everybody a promise with no respect of persons. It says (paraphrased) if we will meditate on His word continually, we will be like a tree planted by a stream, whose leaf does not wither, and whatever we do will PROSPER. Many times people misinterpret these thoughts to read that GOD will make your way prosperous. This verse does not say God himself makes us prosperous. Who makes our way prosperous? WE do! God has given us the right to make choices and when those choices are made based on the wisdom of His word, we begin to deal wisely in the affairs of life. It is the wisdom of God's word in you that will make you successful. It all depends on what you do. No one can or will make you do anything up to and including God. But when you take His advice and meditate and study His word and do what He says, He promises your way will be successful. God is good, His word is good and good all the time.

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## Stock comments

# Day talks about scandal and fraud



Stockwell Day, MP  
Okanagan Coquihalla

Scandal and fraud are strong terms. As far as these terms being applied to the latest federal Liberal fiascoes, it's been fascinating to watch how Canadians in different regions of the country have reacted. They say in politics that "it's not the story itself that's important, it's the reaction to the story." It's important to note that two sets of reactions follow any political story. First, there's the reaction from the so-called "talking heads". These are the apparently 'neutral' news commentators at the national news desks. They largely decide whether a story will die out quietly or whether it will 'have legs' - that is, keep going.

These self-proclaimed opinion leaders in the "chattering classes" see themselves as wiser and much more sensitive than the rest of us. They believe we need them to tell us whether to be happy or angry with the people in a particular story.

One such national news commentator once privately told me how

### Letter to the Editor

# We must accept school changes

Dear Editor;

We attended the "Reconfiguration of Princeton Schools" meeting on Wednesday at the high school. For those of you who missed it, what a loss. The library was filled to capacity and bursting with emotion. Students, teachers, administrators and parents all gave very moving presentations of their thoughts and ideas toward the re-configuration of our schools. The presentation made everyone realize the devotion and passion we all have for all the children in Princeton.

Following the presentations and questions, a poll was taken. The poll was to give the board members an idea of how the people in the room would like to see the final reconfiguration. Many in the room were unsure, but after much discussion, the poll went ahead. Superintendent Peacock made it clear the results would be considered in the Board's decision.

The results showed the majority of the people present were in favour of a Primary (kindergarten to

powerful he was. He said, "Stock, we take a person connected to a story and we sit back and decide if we want to make him look like a champ, a chump or a chimp. When we've decided how we want him to look to the public, we only have to change one letter, and presto, we turn him into a champ, chump or chimp."

After that, the image just moves down the line and out over the national airwaves, he explained. Their victim can fight them, but as the "opinion leader" told me, "We buy our ink by the barrel, so good luck."

This national news guy did admit to me that it's not always easy for them to control local and regional newspapers and radio because "those people are located right in the middle of their communities. They're not daily breathing in the rarified air of the Ottawa bubble, so they may not be as bent as we are," he chuckled.

Quite an admission, I thought; sort of an unwilling back-handed compliment to local newsies.

At any rate, the second level of reaction is "the public", that's you and me. On the story of federal Liberal fraud and scandal, the cross-country polls are interesting. B.C. people and the rest of the west are far more incensed that central and eastern Canadians.

I'll suggest two reasons, although you may have more. First, we're further away from that 'Ottawa bubble' so we're not inhaling all the smoke and spin that it was all those nasty bureaucrats who stole the money and poor old Paul knew nothing.

Secondly, we are so attuned to and

wanting to prove the perception that the federal bucks don't flow as strongly in our direction, we carefully account for every dime they send us.

As a matter of fact, I was so insistent that we get our fair share that several months ago I asked for a federal audit. I wanted a record of every dollar that's landed in our constituency in the three and a half years that I've been your M.P. We just received the final tally. It's \$160 million! Not bad!

Some of it I have directly lobbied for, or supported the groups who were. Much goes to municipalities, infrastructure, etc. So now I'm asking for comparable amounts to similar constituencies in other parts of the country to make sure we're not getting short-changed.

The bottom line is this: since our mayors, councillors, charities, foundations and other applicants have to carefully watch their bottom lines, they are almost obsessive when it comes to recording every dollar we get sent from Ottawa.

So when you're obsessed with nit-picking every buck and you're already feeling that others may be getting more than you, your reaction is one of fury when you see those others just blowing \$100 million down the drain.

Therefore, Mr. National Spin Doctor, that's why we react the way we do. That's why the scandal story has legs out here. That's why our legs are strong, because we believe in and stand up for a nation of equals from coast to coast.

grade 3) and an Intermediate (grades 4-7) school. The placement of the Grade 7's was undecided. There are many unanswered questions about their fate. From various reasons, the majority of the people at the meeting strongly oppose the grade 7's going up to the high school. The Grade 7 students' needs have to be addressed before a decision can be made. We certainly do not want to sacrifice them in this process. There are currently 58 Grade 6 students, which is an extremely large number compared with the Grade 7 class of only 36 students. This large number of 2004/05 Grade 7 students will make keeping them in the intermediate school a challenge.

The following is a list of the projected class sizes for the 2004/05 school year, projected by the school district. The numbers are very close to current enrollment.

- K - 38
- Gr 1 - 48
- Gr 2 - 43
- Gr 3 - 41
- Gr 4 - 44
- Gr. 5 - 46
- Gr 6 - 53
- Gr 7 - 58
- Gr 8 - 36
- Gr 9 - 54

- Gr 10 - 43
- Gr 11 - 49
- Gr 12 - 48

In doing the math Primary - 170 students, Intermediate (4-6) 143 students (with Grade 7 - 201), high school (8-12) - 230 students.

The two elementary schools each have a capacity of 195 students, the high school can hold 325 students.

Superintendent Bob Peacock told us alterations to the buildings will be made to accommodate the restructuring. To what extent we are unsure. We are aware there will be added costs in the coming year to complete this change. We have closed two schools in the past three years. These savings should help with the financial demands of restructuring. Hopefully, answers will be forthcoming at the March 4 meeting.

The poll taken on Wednesday showed the overwhelming majority present were in favour of "community" rather than "neighbourhood" schools. It was a phenomenal show of community responsibility.  
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Spring is coming! The milder temperatures over the past week melted away almost all evidence of snow and ice in downtown Princeton. This is the time of year people get restless and start to spend more time outdoors. The longer days with more daylight hours have arrived!

## RCMP explain drug enforcement plan

The primary concern of the community members in Princeton is drug enforcement. The RCMP is continuing to focus its efforts upon those who deal in illicit drugs.

These suspects make a profit, destroying lives, homes and communities at the same time. The RCMP recognizes the critical role of enforcement within Canada's Drug strategy which is designed to reduce the availability of illicit drugs. A reduction of drugs will then foster an environment in which drug abuse / prevention programs may flourish.

Organized crime is not restricted to isolated groups that partake in major criminal activity far away from the lives of ordinary people. There is a linkage between minor property crimes and major organized crime.

Drug addicts break into homes and cars to feed their habit which is driven and encouraged by crime gangs doing a multi-million dollar business.

Cocaine is not present in com-

munities without the involvement of organized crime.

Organized crime is a major economic drain on many aspects of the B. C. economy including insurance costs, policing, the justice system and even natural resource utility costs (hydro bypasses cost the everyday consumer).

The objectives of the police is to prevent the drugs from reaching the streets and the hands of children, to apprehend those responsible for trafficking and make it more difficult for them to carry on their criminal activity in our community.

In addition to educate the public on the dangers of illegal drugs in our community and neighbourhood and to enlist the help of the public in reporting suspected illegal drug activity.

Information from the public is critical in helping the police keep our communities and neighbourhoods safe.

The public is a vital partner in our fight against organized crime.

If you have any questions or information please contact the Princeton RCMP at (250) 295-6911.

Together we can make a real difference.

Sgt. K. Lozinski, Detachment Commander, Princeton RCMP.

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bility! To the other community members who did not attend the meeting and plan to have their opinions polled at the March 4 meeting, the presentations and letters from concerned persons are available for your review at any of the schools. Take the time to read them, they are very informative. They have influenced many who heard them. Please make sure your choice is for all Princeton students. They are our future and we have a responsibility to provide the best education we can for them.

At the first re-configuration meeting everyone was given an exercise that kept focus on

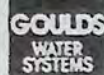
Achieving the best academic success for ALL Princeton students. We, as parents, hope the individuals responsible for the final decision (the trustees and Mr. Peacock) will stay focused on this same goal and make the right decision.

It is certain we are all going to face changes, we are the adults, no matter what our individual beliefs are, we must accept the changes with a positive attitude and be adaptable. Negativism will only make the transition more difficult for our children.

Sincerely,  
Karen Brewer  
Kelley Cook

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Princeton resident, Marge Houghton, was sworn in as a Canadian citizen on February 20, 2004, at a citizenship ceremony held at Trout Creek School, Summerland. Marge Houghton is at left, with RCMP Cst. Kory Hendricks and Presiding Officer Madame Marie Woolridge. Marge Houghton was born in Canada, but moved to USA in 1959, where she became a US citizen. She returned to Canada in 1999 and settled in Princeton. She was accompanied at the ceremony by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Janice Stevens.

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## Throne Speech Fails Okanagan Nation

The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) joined other First Nations from around B.C. in saying the government of B.C. has failed to take their Aboriginal Title and Rights seriously in the Throne Speech.

Pointing out that the provincial budget relies heavily on the resource sector. ONA says this sector cannot thrive in a climate of uncertainty.

"We need certainty for all - small communities, investors, and First Nations," stated Chief George Saddleman, Chair of Okanagan Nation Alliance. "Until our Title and Rights are properly accommodated, there will be no certainty in British Columbia."

"First Nations are part of the solution and this requires true government-to-government negotiations," added Chief Lyle Brewer of Okanagan Indian Band. "The Okanagan Nation has a Lands and Resource Task Force ready to negotiate on a variety of

issues with the Province. Where is their negotiation team? We want to negotiate."

Changes in B.C. forest legislation allow companies "to get larger and larger on the backs of First Nations and rural communities" Saddleman says, "the recent legislative changes allow timber companies to buy and sell timber rights without meaningful consultation and accommodation."

In September 2003, ONA hosted a "Building Alliances" conference in Kelowna where hundreds of First Nations from all the corners of B.C. participated. At that conference, the significance of the unresolved Title and Rights issue was important that treaty, non-treaty, tribal associations and independent Bands came together to form the Title and Rights Alliance.

"The Title and Rights issue is not going away," stated Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

## French Immersion

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mostly of volunteer parents who are dedicated to promoting and creating French second language opportunities for young Canadians. CPF is also funded through the Ministry of Canadian Heritage and offers assistance and education for parents who want to bring FI programs to their communities. CPF also assists in bringing the French language alive

for Immersion students by helping to fund and host cultural events, summer camps and scholarships. For more information on DPF go to [www.cpf.bc.ca](http://www.cpf.bc.ca) or [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)

Parents who missed the information session and want to find out more about bringing French Immersion to Princeton are encourage to call Sandra at Style in Motion 295-4971.



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