

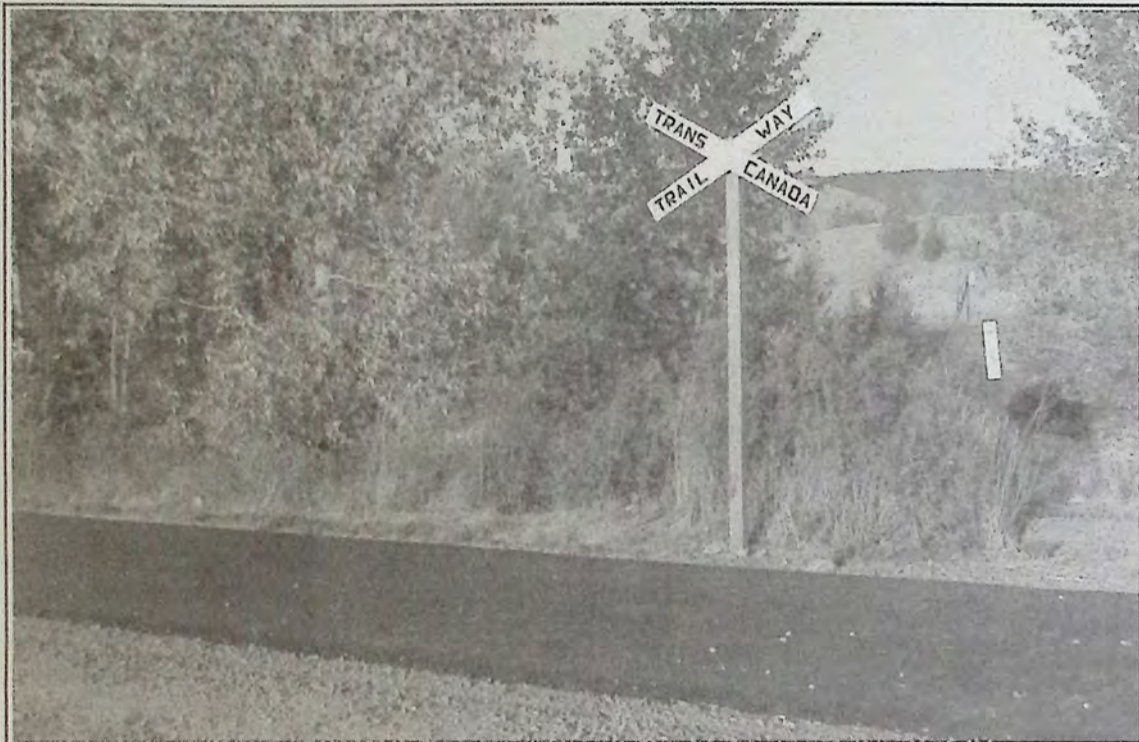
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RDOS downgrades EOC office



The Trans Canada Trail received a face lift last week and is now paved from one end of Princeton to the other. This is the view of the trail on Highway 5A near the silver bridge. *

Fire risk has reduced

The RDOS Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at the Princeton Hospital set up to coordinate responses to the Tatoosh / Border Lake and Tripod Fires has been downgraded from a Level 2 to a Level 1 EOC.

The downgrade took place effective last Thursday, September 14th with the move of the EOC to the Penticton RDOS office.

The key differences are reduced hours and lessened involvement from Federal and Provincial agencies.

The change reflects the reduced risk to homes and property resulting from these fires.

Although the threat from forest fire has diminished, residents in the Border Lake and Tatoosh fire areas should note that fire crews and equipment will continue to work on

the fire, and some smoke conditions may be noticed.

The EOC is equipped with a toll free line for all public enquires between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM daily. The number is 1-877-295-3790 and the public can leave messages outside operation hours.

Residents may also e-mail informationofficer@rdos.bc.ca or access the RDOS website www.rdos.bc.ca which contains links for current information.

Daily updates are also available on the Government of BC website, www.gov.bc.ca and click on Help Prevent Forest Fires.

Then click on Wildfire News for a selection of options related to forest fires currently burning in the province and other related information.

Environmental groups call for full public hearings

Nine BC provincial organizations released a letter last week to BC Premier Gordon Campbell calling for full public hearings to be included in environmental assessments of BC's first two coal-fired power plants.

"Current BC guidelines would allow coal-fired plants in Princeton and Tumbler Ridge to emit more pollution than the proposed Sumas II gas-fired power plant in Washington State, which the BC Liberal government rightly opposed because of air quality concerns," says the letter to Premier Campbell.

The letter is signed by the Sierra Club of Canada (BC Chapter), David Suzuki Foundation, BC Sustainable Energy Association, Dogwood Initiative, One Sky, Living Oceans Society, GSX

Concerned Citizens Coalition, Federation of BC Naturalists, and Wildsight.

According to the environmental groups' preliminary estimates, the Tumbler Ridge and Princeton coal-fired power plants would emit up to 70 times more nitrogen oxide, 260 times more sulfur dioxide and seven times more particulate matter than the proposed Sumas II, as well as toxic mercury emissions.

"There is no basis for describing these proposed plants as 'clean coal,' as (Richard Neufeld) the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has done," states the two page letter.

"As proposed, these plants would emit large amounts of air pollutants and vent hundreds of thousands of tons of greenhouse gases

each year."

The decision to commit BC to a coal-fired electricity strategy was made without public discussion or consultation, the groups point out. The groups say, compared with

Enrollment dips slightly

A decline in student enrollments in BC schools was predicted again this year, but, it appears the decline may be tapering off.

At least that's the indication in School District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) according to district Superintendent Byron Robbie.

"It's leveling off in Merritt, and, it looks like the prediction, and, the projections we made for Princeton are just about right on. So, it looks like the gradual drain of kids out of the schools may be slowing down a

bit." Robbie says there's not the same kind of drop there has been over the last three or four years. He says the numbers are only down just slightly.

Declining student enrollment has been an issue in Princeton schools for many years.

The School District spent most of 2003 trying to reconfigure school grades in Princeton and eventually closed Riverside Intermediate School in 2004.

The closure led to the development of Riverside Wellness Centre in the former school building, a partnership between the School District and Regional District.

The 'rebirth' of the former school into a wellness centre has set a precedent in the province of British Columbia.

Fall Fair praises exhibitors

The annual Fall Fair faced major problems this year with the smoke and lack of volunteers, but the exhibitors brought their items, and helped make the fair interesting. Although prize money was doubled this year, there did not seem to be double the exhibitors in any division except poultry and eggs.

The Fall Fair was pleased to welcome 4-H competitors from Chilliwack and Penticton, and exhibitors from Cawston.

Top exhibitors were:
Junior Fair - Miranda Grigg
Vegetables - Ben Mazzarella

Leisurecraft - Andy Abrahams and Tom Ryan

Needlecraft - Eleanor Sinclair

Home Baking - Char Sellers

Home Canning - Laura Haw

Photography - J-Lee White

There were special 'added value' prizes in many categories, and winners received extra prize money or goods.

The flower display was down this year, and many people complained they had little to exhibit due to deer eating their flowers in the week before the fair.

Bunchgrass Quilters put on their

customary excellent display of quilts, and Jennifer Whitford entered her wonderful Wedding Ring quilt for a first prize.

The entries in the Junior Fair were outstanding this year for the variety of items and the quality of exhibits. Local young people show a lot of talent.

With the fair over for another year, the Fall Fair Association will begin its review of problems and successes, and begin planning for next year's fair. The wrap-up meeting is next Tuesday at the fairgrounds at 7:00 PM.

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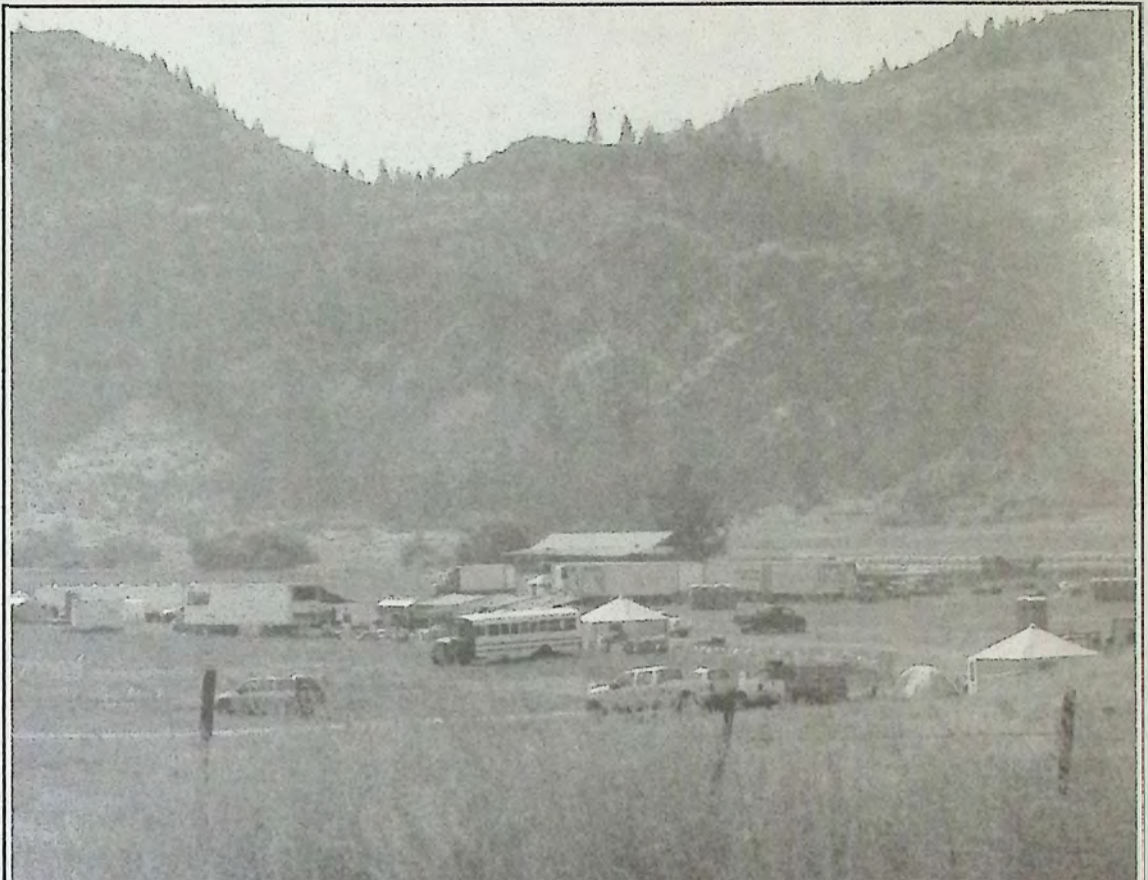
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This is a view of the US Forest Inception Camp (Tripod Fire) between Palmer Lake and Loomis, Washington. It is about 19-kilometres south of the Chopaka/Nighthawk Border. Photo: Sandy Gladish.

The letter to Premier Gordon Campbell

Below is the letter sent to Premier Gordon Campbell regarding the Princeton Wood Residue and coal Power Generation Project (Compliance Energy Corporation) and Wapiti Power Development Project (AES Wapiti Energy Corporation).

Dear Premier Campbell,

We, the undersigned, as representatives of the organizations named, are writing to request:

1. That the responsible ministers exercise their powers under the

Environmental Assessment Act to require full public hearings for the environmental assessments (EAs) of the Princeton Wood Residue and coal Power Generation Project and the Wapiti Power Development Project, with province-wide advertising and notification of the EA proceedings.

2. That the responsible ministers exercise their powers under the EA Act to require terms of reference for the EAs that will thoroughly address the greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and climate change implications of the projects.

3. That, in addition to the existing policy directive disallowing nuclear power, the government of BC issue an immediate policy directive requiring that all new electricity generation projects in BC should employ only low-impact renewable technologies.

We represent a growing constituency of British Columbians who are deeply concerned about air quality in their communities and about global climate change, which is driven by human-caused greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions.

At the same time, our members and supporters are excited by the potential of sustainable alternatives - demand-side management, wind, solar, tidal, small hydro and other renewable energies - to meet our electricity needs, support a vibrant economy in BC and help the BC government meet its goal of having the best environmental management in the world.

We support a sustainable energy industry because, compared to conventional approaches such as coal and gas fired power, it can:

- Create more jobs per unit of power and drive more economic growth:
- Reduce air pollutants and improve people's health

- Reduce greenhouse gas emission: and
- Present a positive vision of our energy future that can attract more public support.

We are very concerned by your government's recent decision to award contracts to two coal-fired power projects, the Wapiti and Princeton projects. They represent the first major coal-fired generation facilities integrated into the BC grid, effectively committing BC to a coal-fired electricity strategy without any public discussion or consultation.

They represent a 30-40 year commitment to unnecessarily elevated provincial GHG emissions and dangerous pollutants at a time when progressive jurisdictions the world over are moving in the opposite direction and closing coal-fired power plants.

They represent century-old technology coming on-line in the Olympic year, while BC is attempting to present itself to the world as a forward-looking, environmentally responsible region.

And they represent an enormous opportunity lost for your government to live up to its commitment to have the best environmental management in the world, "bar none".

There is no basis for describing these proposed plants as 'clean coal', as the Minister of energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has done. As proposed, these plants would emit large amounts of air pollutants and vent hundreds of thousands of tonnes of greenhouse gases each year. In fact, the government seems willing to accept emission rates that are no better than BC's current guidelines. In comparison with the Sumas II gas-fired power plant, which yourcontinued on Page 8



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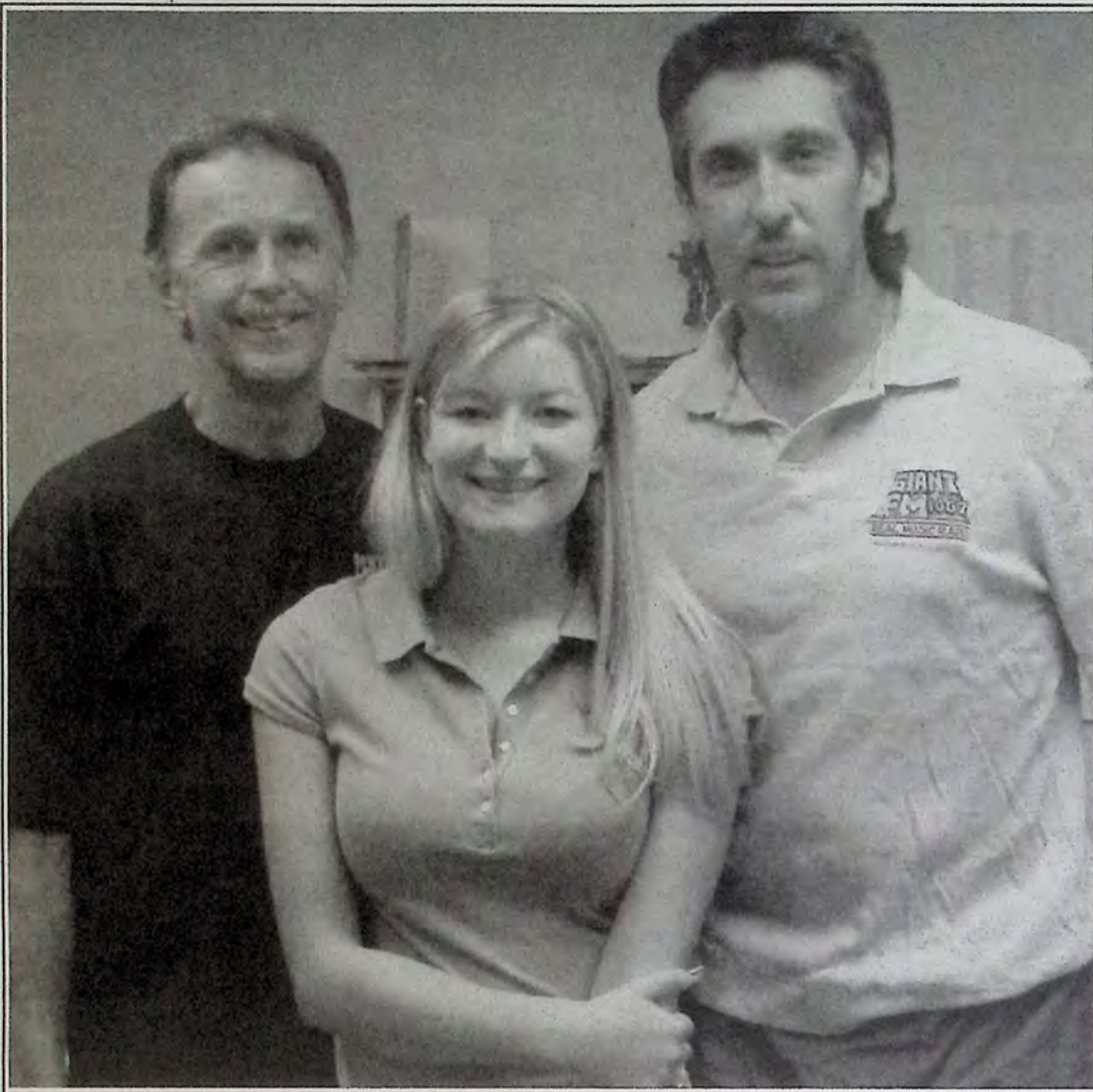
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There is a new pepper eating champion in town. First Place winner in the Sear Factor contest, held during Similkameen Sizzle, is Henry Maktaak of Penticton, left. Former champion, Kelly Dennis, centre, finished in Second Place with Carl Beam, right, finishing off four jalapeno peppers fast enough to earn Third Place. *

Fifth Sizzle event sizzles

The 5th annual Similkameen Sizzle Pepper Festival was a huge success last Saturday in Memorial Park in Keremeos.

Popular events included a three part cooking demonstration called "Celebrity Chefs" and featured pepper-related meals prepared by Tuesday MacDonald, Yale-Lillooet MLA Harry Lali and Chef Chris Remington from the Hooded Merganser in Penticton.

The Chili Cook Off saw over a dozen different types of chili available for tasting with judging based on a People's Choice format. First Prize of \$100.00 went to WorkZone, Second Place (\$25.00) went to Similkameen News Leader and Third Place (\$25.00) was presented to Don & Anna's Greenhouses. The Tomatilla Team won The Best Decorated Booth (\$25.00). A total of 287 ballots were cast.

The Sear Factor Pepper Eating Contest saw a total of thirteen entrants with First Place going to Henry Maktaak of Penticton who consumed four jalapeno peppers in a time of 43.32 seconds. He won \$100.00 from Similkameen News Leader and a plaque from Okanagan Awards Plus.

Second Place (\$75.00 and a plaque) went to reigning Champion Kelly Dennis of Keremeos (45.42 seconds). Carl Beam of Keremeos won Third Place (\$50.00 and a plaque) with a time of 47.82 seconds.

The rest of the finishers and times were: Jerome Levesque (49.66), Corey Witter (53.96), Shannon MacDonald (54.24), Luke Aristoy (59.59), Emery Vass (1:11.03), Simon Villecourt (1:13.86), Joseph MacLean (1:15.75), Rick Tae (1:40.84), Kim Campbell (2:33.27) and Dustin Humeny (DNF).

Live entertainment during the day long event included music provided by Mojo Zydeco, singing from Taneesha Beaupre, the Desert Ladies Belly Dancers

and a variety of Children's Games and a Petting Zoo.

Vendors on site report having good sales and all in attendance enjoyed the scaled down version of the annual Peppercast. The concession stands were also busy throughout the day.

The final financial results for Similkameen Sizzle will not be known for a few weeks, although the organizing committee will meet this week to review the event and discuss plans for next year's celebration.

Meth Forum on Saturday

The South Similkameen Anti Crystal Meth Initiative, with support from the Village of Keremeos, will host a Community Forum this Saturday afternoon.

The Forum is titled "The Dangers of Crystal Meth" and will start at 1:00 PM in Victory

Hall.

Feature presentations will be made by Therapist Angela Marshall and Family Physician Dr. John Wouterloot.

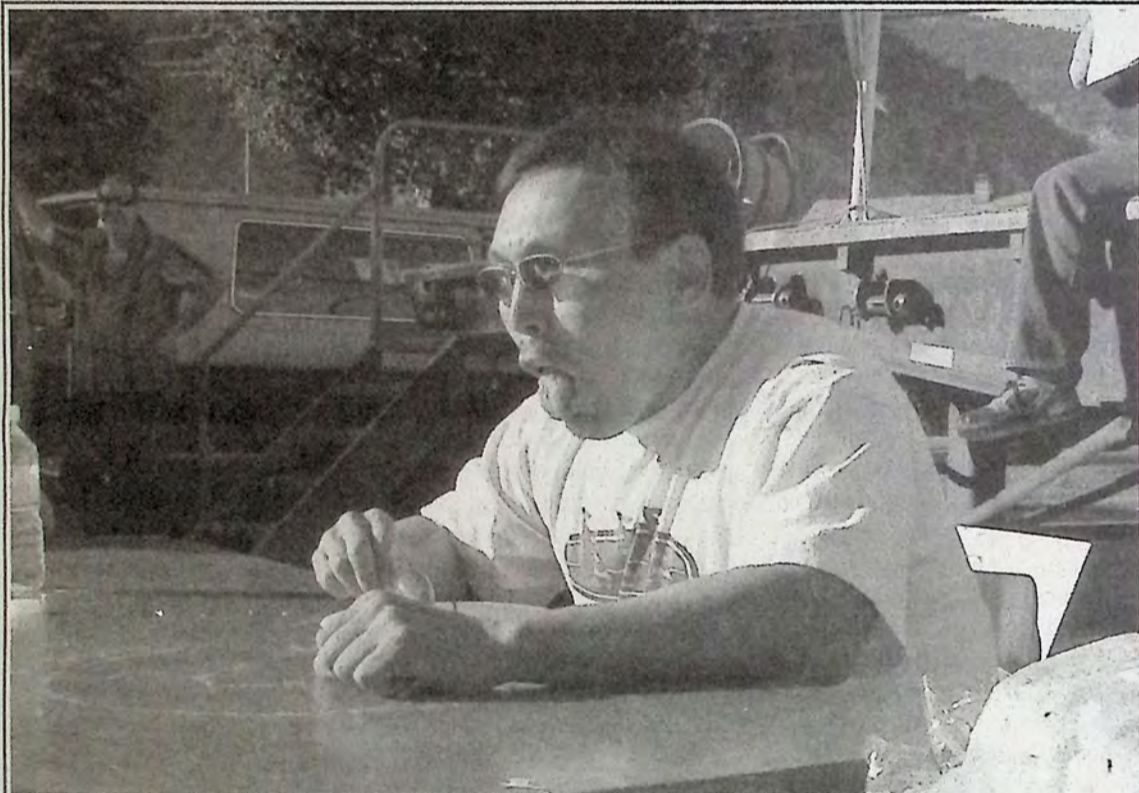
The Forum is open to anyone interested in finding out more concerning the dangers of crystal meth.

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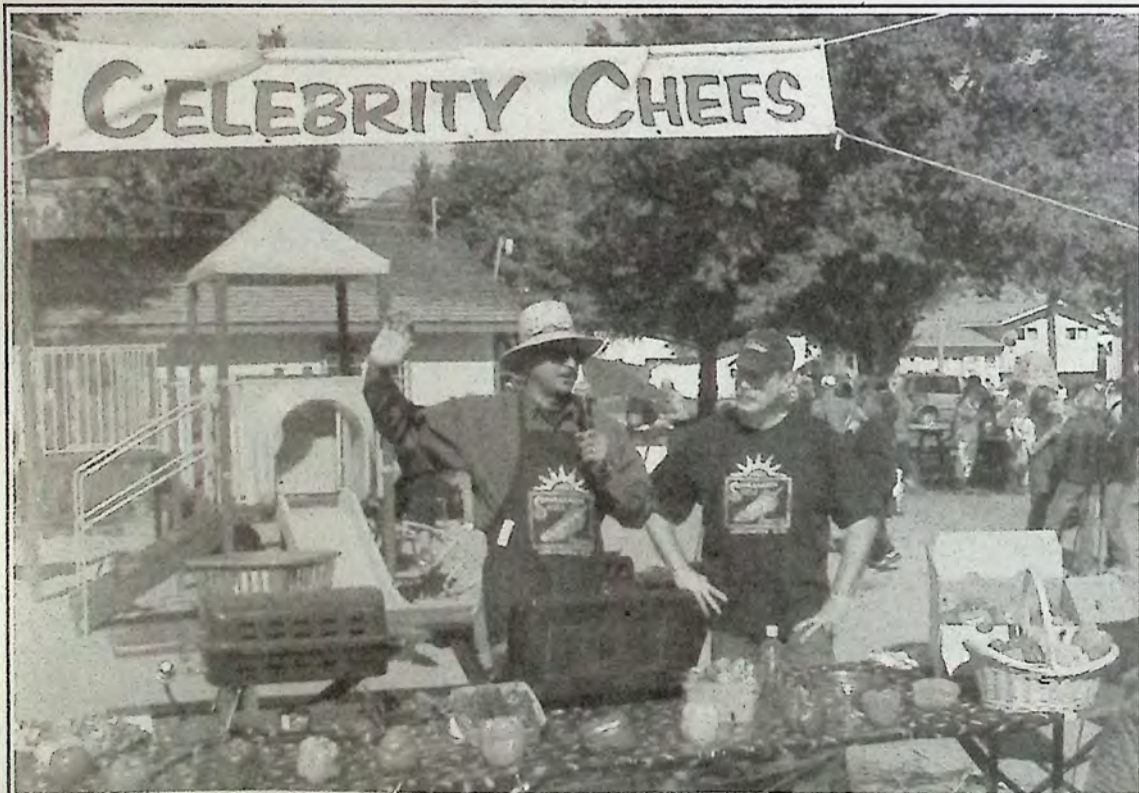
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Similkameen Sizzle featured a performance by local belly dancers. *



Henry Maktaak works his way through jalapeno peppers on his way to victory in the Sear Factor Pepper Eating Contest during Similkameen Sizzle. * Photo: Brenda Engel.



Celebrity Chef Yale-Lillooet MLA Harry Lali, left, explains traditional cooking methods during Similkameen Sizzle. He was assisted by the News Leader's George Elliott. * Photo: Brenda Engel.

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Transportation Assistance forms are available at each of the schools in Princeton.

Parents are reminded that road/weather conditions may cause delays/cancellations to the regular bus run(s). In extreme circumstances, notice of delays will be announced over the local radio station and the school will attempt to contact parents by phone, in order that children do not wait extended time periods at a bus stop.



by your Pharmasave Pharmacist Wen Wong



It's an accepted fact that eating fresh fruits and vegetables is good for us. Men would do well to eat 9 servings per day while women should strive for at least seven. What is a serving? Six ounces (3/4 cup) of fruit or vegetable juice, 1/2 cup of cooked or raw veggies, 1/2 cup of fresh fruit, 1/4 cup of dried fruit.

As the days become shorter, how do we ensure our vitamin D supplies are maintained? You want to receive 400 units to 800 units per day and the most reliable way is through a multivitamin tablet. Many multivitamins contain 400 units per tablet and if you want more than 400 units, there are tablets containing only vitamin D available in 400 units and 1,000 unit strengths.

Do you know your blood pressure? Many Canadians are walking around with high blood pressure and don't know it. Take time to take your blood pressure. Most pharmacies have an in-store blood pressure machine to give you your blood pressure numbers. If you are concerned about the results, see your doctor.

The jury is still out as to whether taking selenium supplements can help reduce the risk of prostate cancer. Some men are taking 200 mcg per day as a supplement "just in case." However, keep your consumption below 400mcg daily. Foods like fish, grains and nuts are good natural sources of selenium.

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Daylight savings time tip

(NC) - We gain an hour when we turn those clocks back in October but we'll also be losing an hour of sunlight. As days get shorter and nights get longer, Canadians don't have as much of an opportunity to obtain vitamin D, the sunshine vitamin, from natural sunlight. Therefore, the end of summer and beginning of fall is a good time to consider the benefits of a daily multivitamin containing vitamin D.

Vitamin D plays an essential role in the absorption of calcium and the development of healthy bones. But research suggests long, dark winters and the use of sunblock in the summer may leave many

Canadians deficient in this essential vitamin all year long.

Vitamin D is primarily produced through the chemical action of the sun's ultraviolet rays on the skin. Scientists estimate that at latitudes above 40 degrees north - which includes most of Canada - vitamin D synthesis for most of the winter months is inadequate to maintain healthy bones.

"Making sure you get enough vitamin D is especially important during the winter months," says Kim Arrey, a Montreal-area registered dietitian. "As days get shorter, it becomes harder to obtain vitamin D from sunlight. Therefore, it becomes increasingly important for

people to consider taking a daily multivitamin with 400 IU of vitamin D, such as Centrum."

Natural food sources of vitamin D include cod liver oil, egg yolks, salmon and other ocean fish. Milk and some breads and cereals are fortified with vitamin D.

Experts recommend between 400 IU and 800 IU of vitamin D daily, with needs increasing as we age. Vitamin D is not readily available through traditional food sources (a 250 ml glass of milk contains only 100 IU), so it is prudent to supplement with a trusted daily multivitamin like Centrum, which contains 400 IU of vitamin D.

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A POMEGRANATE A DAY:

Heart health myth or modern miracle?

by Shauna Macdonald, health columnist

(NC) - In Greek mythology the pomegranate represents life and regeneration. What do you know... The 'myth' is now backed by scientific fact. Recent studies reveal the pomegranate's surprising array of health benefits. But anyone who has eaten a pomegranate knows that it is a rather unrewarding process. LOTS of seeds, a little juice and a hide like a rhinoceros, make pomegranates somewhat less popular than easier-to-eat, less expensive and more plentiful fruits. Yet pomegranates contain powerful plant compounds and antioxidants that appear to inhibit atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), reducing high blood pressure and the risk of heart disease.

Adding pomegranate to the diet has become much easier since supplement manufacturers, like WN Pharmaceuticals (wnpharmaceuticals.com), have worked out how to produce potent extracts from pome-

granates.

"Rated 3 times higher in antioxidant activity than red wine or green tea, pomegranate tops the list of potent antioxidants," explains Joyce Tellier Johnson, ND and consumer information director with WN.

She adds, "In recent studies, pomegranate juice has been shown to support circulatory and cardiovascular health and improve overall antioxidants levels. A standardized pomegranate extract, that is one that provides optimum levels of key compounds, is a convenient way for people to get the health benefits of pomegranate, and is an alternative to juice, for people with diabetes, or

anyone concerned about their cardiovascular and circulatory health."

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From ancient myth, to modern science, the pomegranate is a promising partner for lifelong health.

- News Canada

living past 100

The food rules are changing

At this time of year, you should be enjoying the best food the Similkameen Valley has to offer. The abundance of fruit and vegetables will make you a lot healthier than you can see on the surface, but you will feel it inside. If you have children, you will see it in the sparkle of their eyes.

Canada's food rules support this time of year, because the food rules are changing.

The old food rules told you to eat large amounts of grains, meat and dairy products. The new food rules will tell you to eat large amounts of fruit and vegetables, moderate amounts of grain, smaller amounts of meat, more fish, and limit dairy products to milk with small amounts of low fat cheese.

The reason the food rules have changed is the newest research into the relationship between what we eat and the chronic diseases we suffer from.

Researchers have found that loading your body with meat, grain and fat causes a multitude of problems. In contrast, loading your body with vegetables and fruit clears up the problems.

Because we live in an area where good fruit and vegetables are plentiful, it is easy for us to change how we eat.

How do you make the change from bacon and eggs for breakfast? Switch to a good basic cereal with some fruit and fruit juice.

For lunch, vegetable soup and salad will be healthier than a hot dog or sandwich. For dinner, have three vegetables and a small amount of meat or fish, with fruit for dessert.

Making the change is not difficult if you think in these simple terms: imagine a pyramid held up by fruit and vegetables. The next layer toward the top of the pyramid is made up of meat, fish, dairy and grains. The very peak of the pyramid is made up of fats and sugars, and is only about five percent of the total.

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Renee Harrison (Fundraising Director) left, and Sally Jarvis (Vice President) during the extremely successful Little Folks Fall Fair Bake Sale fundraiser organized by the group. - photo submitted.

Little Folks Nursery bake sale a success

A new school year has begun at the Little Folks Nursery School, a new board of directors has been established, and thanks to parent volunteers our first fundraiser was a success. The Princeton Fall Fair generously donates space to non-profit societies, such as the Little Folks Nursery School, to use to increase awareness of the societies as well as create fundraising opportunities. The new board of directors took this opportunity to hold our first bake sale. The tireless efforts of our Fundraising director, Renee Harrison as well as other parent volunteers made our bake sale one of the most successful in the history of Little Folks bringing in \$427.00.

Little Folks Nursery School relies on the money earned through fundraising to keep our fees low so the school is accessible to more

preschool aged children in Princeton and surrounding areas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported Little Folks by buying our baked goods and we hope to see you at our future fundraising events.

Little Folks Nursery School is still accepting registrations for

New voice calls on help line

Ron Armstrong, who has made the Help Line "friendly" calls for years, has moved to Burnaby. These calls are made to elderly and/or disabled people who live alone. It is a way of checking on the well-being of those receiving the calls, and is a means of providing social contact and in times of crisis, providing assistance.

Taking Armstrong's place is Beverly Huff.

preschool children for the 2006/07 school year. We offer a 2-Day, 3-Day, 5-Day Program or drop-in. Please call the school at 295-3083 and speak to our wonderful teacher Sandy for more information on available days and times.

- submitted by: Louise Wood (President).

If you know of somebody who needs this service, call 295-6783. Referrals can be made by an agency or by a family member.

The Help Line is a registered charitable organization established 20 years ago. Funding is from grants from local groups and local government. All information about clients is kept confidential unless required in an emergency situation.



New Beginnings Program participants prepare for their trip to Disneyland. They couldn't do it without the support of many Princeton area residents, businesses and individuals. - photo submitted.



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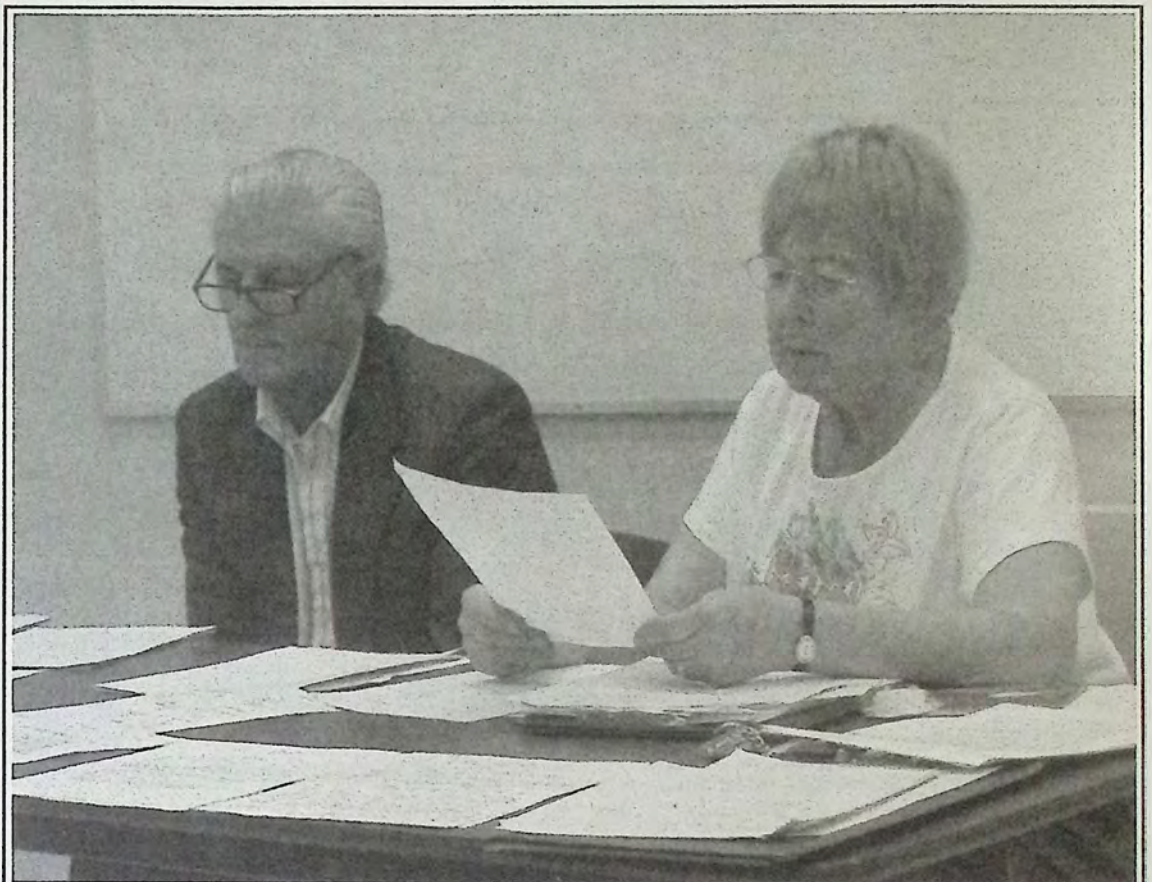


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Vermilion Artists President Mary Bedford, right, reads her report during the group's Annual General Meeting last week. Vice President Harvey Donahue, left, reviews his notes. *

Artists survive on shoe string

Operating a non-profit organization in Princeton usually means a small budget, which affects the work that group can do during the course of any given year.

Vermilion Artists is one such group.

They held their annual general meeting last Wednesday night at Riverside Centre and the Financial Statement said all that had to be said.

The group had a bank balance on August 31, 2005 of \$909.44.

Deposits for the year totaled \$1,398.80 with expenses of \$1,210.19 leaving a bank balance of \$1,006.32 on August 31, 2006.

The group operates a tight ship hosting classes only when the costs can be covered by fees collected from participants.

Vermilion Artists also receive an annual grant from Princeton Arts Council. The grant totals \$300.00.

"We had a grant of three hundred dollars," Vice President Harvey Donahue told those in attendance.

"It's really too small. You can't do much with it as we need better financing."

The election of officers returned Mary Bedford to the President position and Harvey Donahue was re-elected Vice President. Linda Neumann will be Secretary with

Miranda Grigg Treasurer.

Bedford asked members to help direct the future of the group hoping for a focus on making Vermilion Artists "more active socially and intellectually."

She summed up her request with a simple question: "What would you like to see the group do?"

Donahue emphasized his concern over funding and proposed approaching Princeton Arts Council for a larger grant.

"If they want us to progress we need the money. We need to convince the Arts Council this (Vermilion Artists) is an asset and an investment."

Letter to Gordon Campbell

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 government rightly opposed for reasons of air quality, the current BC guideline for pollution from coal-fired boilers would, according to our preliminary estimates, allow the plants to emit:

- 70 times more NOx
- 260 times more SOx
- 7 times more particulate matter, and
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These air pollution issues are of particular concern for the people of the Similkameen Valley, where the proposed Princeton plant would discharge, because of the relatively enclosed airshed, and for the people of Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge, Kelly Lake and other communities in the Peace region who live within the immediate airshed of the proposed Wapiti plant.

None of these communities, nor others who may face similar proposals in the future, would likely be receptive to arguments as to why they are deserving of lesser

air quality standards than residents downwind of Sumas II.

Greenhouse gas emissions are also a huge concern. Your government has adopted GHG reduction goals of improving our performance with regard to per capita emissions both within Canada, and in comparison to Washington and Oregon State.

Yet these two plants together could (depending of the fuel mix used) emit up to 1.8 megatonnes per year of CO2 equivalent, a 2.7% increase in the entire province's GHG emissions.

In a province already dealing with the impacts of climate change, and struggling to achieve its emission reduction goals, the decision to approve coal-fired power plants without even considering their GHG emissions seems irresponsible.

We believe that, with its abundant low-impact renewable energy resources, BC does not need and should not have coal-fired generation. British Columbians do not

support coal-fired generation, as proven by recent polling by BC Hydro and others.

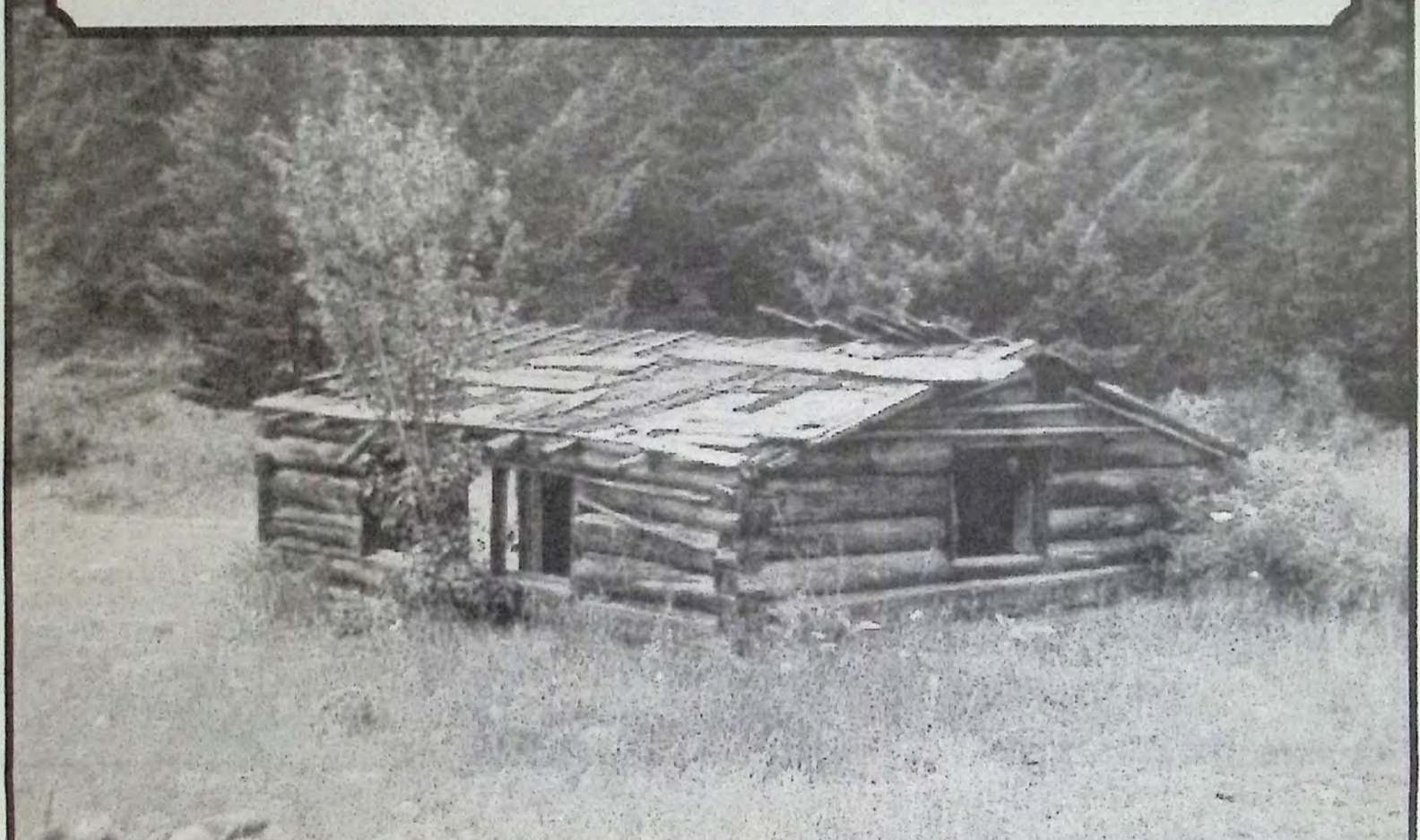
We trust your government would not want to commit British Columbia to coal-fired generation without first consulting fully with British Columbians to inform them on the consequences and alternatives, and to obtain their views.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Yours sincerely,
 Guy Dauncey, BC Sustainable Energy Association
 Lisa Matthaus, Sierra Club of Canada, BC Chapter
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Lorianne MacIntosh, centre, celebrates her first anniversary in business with employees Diane Driscoll, left, and Penny Smith. They are joined by Lorianne's pet, Ginger. "I feel strongly about supporting the community by shopping in one's own town," MacIntosh says. "This is what keeps a town's economy growing." She is also giving back to the community having hired Diane and Penny from the Community Living Program. "These ladies are wonderful. They are always cheerful, hardworking, honest and happy. They are an inspiration to me." MacIntosh's business, Lorianne's Unique Alternatives, is located on Vermilion and features many works created by local artisans and craftspeople. "I like the ability to be able to sell items that are locally made." *

Princeton Court News

EXCLUSIVE TO THE NEWS LEADER

News Leader Court Reporter Dawn Johnson

Tulameen bush party ends in Court

Two groups camped in Tulameen on the May long weekend of 2004, and events of that weekend brought them to court in Princeton on September 14.

Kieran Faraher-Amidon of White Rock stood trial on a charge of aggravated assault of Steven Lloyd of Langley.

Lloyd testified that he and a group of friends had gone to Tulameen and set up camp along the river on the Friday of the long weekend. The following day, a group of grads from Semiahmoo Secondary School had arrived to set up their camp nearby. The two groups had mingled on friendly terms during the evening, drinking and smoking pot.

Early Sunday morning, Lloyd was preparing to go to bed when he discovered his air mattress was miss-

ing. He went to his friend's tent to reclaim it and they engaged in a loud, but good-natured argument over who ought to have the air mattress.

As their argument continued, a small group gathered around them. One of the Semiahmoo students attempted to intervene, and was told to go back to his own camp and mind his own business. Then Lloyd was struck over the back of the head. He was knocked unconscious. He did not know who hit him.

While he was recovering from skull fractures, the White Rock local newspaper published the names and photographs of all of the grads of 2004. Lloyd's friends recognized one of the grads as the person who had struck Lloyd and told him about it. The police were informed.

Lloyd said he had suffered severe hearing loss in addition to the skull fracture and leakage of spinal fluid from his ear. He had been forced to spend almost a year doing very lit-

tle in order to recover enough to continue his education.

Two young women who were grads of 2004 testified that they had seen Kieran Faraher-Amidon rush from the bushes and hit Lloyd over the head with a large flashlight, then disappear for an hour. One of the women said she saw the defendant come back to the campfire about an hour later, and heard others ask him why he had hit Lloyd. She said Faraher-Amidon replied, "He deserved it."

Defense Counsel tried to shake the testimony of the two women, but without success. Although both admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages, both were absolutely certain of their identification of Faraher-Amidon as the attacker.

Other witnesses provided testimony that confirmed that of the two women.

Judge G. Sinclair found Faraher-Amidon guilty based on the steadfast testimony of the two young women. Sentencing is set to take place September 25th.

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weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006



Referee Darrin Harrold discusses a call with Princeton's Jordan Lane and Justin Wilson of Nelson Leafs during last Friday night's game at Princeton Arena. *

Princeton hits Nelson hard

Princeton Posse played host to Nelson Leafs last Friday night and played another incredible game.

The boards became a big part of the game with Posse players using strength to their advantage by checking Leafs every chance they could get.

It not only took Nelson players out of various plays, it seemed to also confuse a few and messed up a lot of their play making moves.

Princeton scored first at 1:50 when Mike Salter zipped one in with assists from Liam Darragh and Peter Purves.

PXA looks at problems and plans

Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) met on September 12 to review the condition of the grounds and consider what needs to be done before the grounds are shut down for the winter. The ongoing problems need a big injection of cash, which is not available.

The front gate needs to be replaced and the stage next to the caboose needs to be trashed. A number of repairs must be done to fences, and the PXA would like asphalt on Laurie Currie Way.

A rodent problem must be addressed right away. Clean-up of the grounds after the Fall Fair is still underway.

There are plans to have the annual Halloween Party at the fairgrounds and there will be discussions with Princeton Fire Department about details and who will do what.

The next meeting of the PXA takes place October 10, at the fairgrounds.

best games in a Posse jersey.

Nelson managed two goals (4:39 and 6:00) during the period although Princeton's Brad Fraser was just about unstoppable in net.

Princeton tied to game at 12:24 with another goal from Salter with assists going to Dan Hillman and Riley Ferster.

With only 3:24 left in the period, Princeton's Sean Carr collided with teammate Garrett Pfeifer near centre ice sending Carr to the ice.

Carr laid lifeless for quite some time as an ambulance crew was called. Assistant Coaches Kevin Robillard and Peter MacDonald took turns holding Carr's head as there was concern over a possible neck injury.

Posse Coach Dale Hladun told the News Leader "they're just being cautious" while spectators were told to stay in their seats so emergency crews could quickly access the Arena.

Carr, who was conscious the whole time, was taken to PGH for x-rays and was later released with no serious injuries.

The professional and compassionate care Carr received on ice from team physician Dr. Douglas

Assault nets probation

Michael Barnetson was sentenced September 14 in Provincial Court in Princeton. He had been charged with assault, and entered a guilty plea.

On May 1, 2005, Barnetson had gone to his grandmother's home and was denied entry.

He was told he was not welcome there until he had dealt with his drug problem. He became angry and began pushing around two people in the house.

Reid and Posse coaching staff was an impressive sight.

The remaining 3:24 was played just before the Second Period.

Princeton's Liam Darragh scored goal #3 at 4:15 (assists to Mike Salter and Kyle L'Arrivee).

Nelson fired three goals past Fraser but Princeton continued to play hard and fast and managed to narrow the gap at 15:48 with a goal by Peter Purves (assists to Garrett Pfeifer and Jordan Lane). It was the only goal scored by Princeton at even strength all other goals were on the power play.

Princeton tied the game at 5-all when Spencer Brooks scored at 17:39. Mike Salter and Kyle L'Arrivee were credited with assists.

The third period saw Nelson try to take Salter out with a hard hit behind the Posse net at 4:58. The crowd erupted, no penalty was called and Salter managed to find his way to the bench with a little help.

Nelson broke the tie with a goal at 16:22.

Final score: Nelson 6, Princeton 5. Shots on goal: Nelson 33, Princeton 32.

The 20 year old New Westminster resident had been arrested and released with several conditions, with which he had complied. He had been dealing with his problem with crystal meth and cocaine, and now is working full time.

Judge G. Sinclair placed Barnetson on a one year probation with conditions including counselling for substance abuse and violence prevention.

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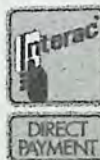
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Princeton Posse Assistant Coach Peter MacDonald comforts Sean Carr after a collision that sent Carr to hospital as a precaution. The game was delayed close to half an hour. *

Princeton Museum reports busy Summer

The report given to Princeton Museum and Archives Society members at last Tuesday's meeting, held at the Chamber of Commerce Board room, by Operations Manager Nick Mills was once again one to fuel optimism for the future.

Whilst total visitors to-date for the year are slightly down on the same period in 2005, the August attendance was an all time monthly high. That month the weekly total record was beaten on three of the four weeks and any deficit on the to-date numbers can be attributed to the figures in May and June being grossly down on 2005; a trend that has been reported by tourist attractions across the Province.

The reasons being given for this difference are many, including the price of gas and the reluctance of

Americans from South of the Border to travel. To add to this early season blip, the media's approach to the recent forest fires has discouraged travellers to use Highway #3 between Keremeos and Hope and the result has been a drastic drop in September visitor numbers. Hopefully the rest of the month will see a return to business as usual for this normally busy time, especially for retired travellers. Nether-the-less, the recorded visitors to the Museum since April 2006 is nearing 4,000 in total.

The students successfully employed for the June-August period, Brittany Antonick and Bianca Moritz, have returned to their fulltime studies in Kamloops and Montreal respectively. In the latter case, the Museum Society was again indebted to

Weyerhaeuser for their continued financial support.

Visitors that have called into the Museum during the period have come from all over the World - Australia, New Zealand, South America, the far East including China, Russia and most European Countries, the list is endless. They have seen the 2006 innovation of hosting staff wearing identical green casual shirts emblazoned with the Museum's own gold script and logo, these having been kindly donated by the Compliance Energy Corporation. The number of genealogy and history enquiries pertaining to Princeton received via the internet has continued to grow weekly, which, together with the planned updating by Phil Le Poideven of our website www.princetonmuseum.com, should mean a very busy online Fall and Winter for the Archives.

A problem that had to be surmounted this year was the punitive withdrawal after many years of funding by HRSDC for the paid employment of summer University students at Princeton Museum. (It has since been learned, a fate that was suffered by many similar establishments in the Southern interior of BC); this was despite the intervention by our local MP. The aftershocks rumble on, but undoubtedly there is a case of gross incompetence and lack of understanding to answer for on the part of the Federal Government and their employees who are paid to administer, badly, a flawed scheme.

Several new projects for the coming year are now at the planning stage, including the upgrade in the basement of the storage facilities for Archival material. These improvements will enable easier access for staff to material, besides the physical improvement in the conditions that the records are kept.

The Museum will remain open 10:00 AM-5:00 PM daily, until the end of October when it will close for the winter months. Those wishing to visit during this closed period should call 295-7588 where suitable arrangements to visit can be made.

- submitted

Naturalists enjoy speaker

Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists hosted Don Gayton, as our September speaker. Don is an ecologist with a wide background in grassland and dry forest ecosystems. Many of us think that grassland are wastelands.

Don challenges us to think about grasslands as a valuable resource as they are fast disappearing in British Columbia. Less than 1 percent of British Columbia's land base is grasslands. Yet we just have to look at the hills around us to see the importance of Bunchgrass to the Princeton area.

Grasslands are rich in nutrients, due to the huge root network systems that Blue Bunch Wheat Grass produces. It can take up to 25 years to produce their huge root systems and up to 80 years to recover, when we cause disturbances to this brittle ecosystem. In the Princeton area we may have more than a dozen different type of grasslands, but only three are typical and native to British Columbia. They are Blue Bunch Wheat Grass, Rough and Idaho Fescue. These three grasses known as Pacific North West Bunch grass are valuable as forage background. Crucial issues for BC Grasslands,

are: Suburbanization, Agriculture, Weed Invasion, Over Grazing and Forest Encroachment. Don said the battle for grassland is not in the grasslands but in the cities. Most of our endangered wildlife is eighty percent dependent on our grasslands.

People need to see the importance of our grasslands and how valuable they are to our economy and our environment. The VFFN meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. The public is invited to hear our evening programs. Our Next Hikes are: September 23, Saturday 7:00 PM at the Bus Station. Star Gazing in the September Sky - with Don Burbidge, call 295-6009, if this interests you and fervently hope for a clear night.

October 7th 9:00 AM at the Bus Station for a KVR Tulameen to Coalmont Hike with Irene Logan, 295-3575 to let Irene know you are coming. This Hike will entail a drive to Tulameen, leaving some cars at Coalmont as we will be hiking back to Coalmont, along some of the most beautiful sections of the Trans Canada Trail. Bring your binoculars and lunch. An easy hike!

- submitted by Cathie Yingling

tuesday movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "The Specialist" (1994, Action) (PA) Sylvester Stallone. Helping a woman avenge her parents' death leaves an ex-CIA explosives ace open to an old foe in Miami. (G)
10:00 am CITY (29) "Murder at My Door" (1996, Suspense) Judith Light. A woman's efforts to hold her troubled family together are threatened following the murder of a neighbor's daughter. (G)

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WGN (38) ★★ "Assault at West Point: The Court-Martial of Johnson Whittaker" (1994, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson. In the 1880s, a black cadet accused of self-mutilation to avoid an exam claims he was attacked by some classmates. (in Stereo) (G)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence. Two detectives uncover a conspiracy involving a drug kingpin while trying to stop the trafficking of Ecstasy in Miami. (G)
11:15 pm WTBS (3) ★ "Showtime"

(2002, Comedy) (PA) Robert De Niro. A straight-laced cop must work with a bumbling patrolman on a reality-based TV show. (G)

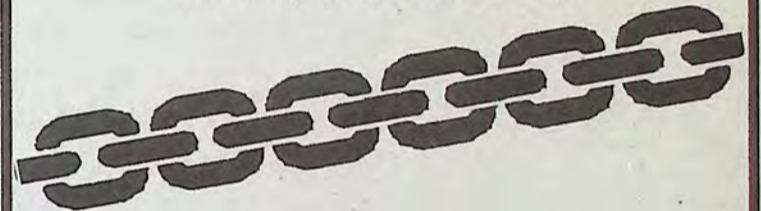
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7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Showtime" (2002, Comedy) (PA) Robert De Niro. A straight-laced cop must work with a bumbling patrolman on a reality-based TV show. (G)
10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "More American Graffiti" (1979, Comedy-Drama) Candy Clark. A couple and their high-school friends do their own things on four mid-1960s New Year's Eves. (G)

EVENING

10:05 pm CITY (29) ★★ "In the Name of the Father" (1993, Docudrama) Daniel Day-Lewis. An Irishman and his father share a British prison cell for a 1974 bombing they did not commit. (G)
11:15 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts. A New York fashion photographer contends with her boyfriend's children and ex-wife. (G) (DVS)

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

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Horoscopes

September 20 - 27, 2006

Aries - Your partner is full of big ideas and plans, but a lot of this may be fantasy. Keep a level head and don't be fooled. Job, health are good. Friends give advice. Just listen.

Taurus - Trouble on the job can be solved by sensible discussion. Take action on health matters. Avoid colds, flu. Partner may have good luck this weekend, or just be dreaming.

Gemini - Action centers around children, sports. Home life runs smoothly, health is good, and look for benefits on the job. If you have travel plans, now is the time to enjoy break.

Cancer - Communications with women are fun. Home life continues hectic, watch out for problems with partner, parents, and career. Tension mounts by end of week. Focus on property.

Leo - Do not go shopping this week! Conserve your money. Be careful how you talk to others - you sound full of ego. Week could end in temper tantrum. You could dream big about partner's promises, but check fine print. Be smart!

Virgo - Focus is on money for the next month. Work out how much you can spend and where you can save. Watch out at end of week for angry confrontations with partner over money.

Libra - Focus on staying healthy this week. Watch out for infections, cold, flu. Consult physician at first sign of trouble. Money picture brightens. Be positive but don't spend.

Scorpio - You could win a prize now, or just get carried away gambling, hoping for a big win. You feel a bit frustrated and a lot of things are going around in your head. Make good plans.

Sagittarius - Plans can go awry at the end of this week. Double check everything. Communications devices could go haywire. Career runs smoothly. Parents could surprise you.

Capricorn - You could be dreaming about some kind of windfall. Count on money in cash drawer, not luck. Career is hectic, full of problems. Make sure messages go through. Attention!

Aquarius - Focus is on travel, distant places. Parent may promise needed resources. Friends' plans impact your life now. Change of plans comes next week. Career flourishes.

Pisces - Double check debts, mortgages, investments. Watch out for surprising developments, read fine print. Dreams of travel could be just dreams. Take time to review situation.

Regular Meetings

- Otter Valley Fish & Game Club regular meetings 3rd Saturday of month, noon, at clubhouse
- Similkameen Christian Riders meet at Dairy Queen every Wednesday evening at 6 pm for a ride. To join, show up
- Princeton Writers Group meets every second and fourth Thursday 7pm at Riverside Wellness Centre
- 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 Sunday of month 1:00 p.m. Legion Hall
- Princeton Motor Sports meets the first Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Arena Mezzanine
- Southern Cruisers Similkameen Chapter #53 meets for rides every Thursday night.
- Vermilion Trails Society meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- Princeton GSAR meets first 3 Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Hospital Board Room.
- Princeton Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- Course Of Miracles Group meets every Tuesday, 7:00 PM at The Anchorage on Vermilion.
- Princeton Area BEA meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:00 PM, Skills Centre.
- Learn How To Relax and Meditate Group meets Tuesday, 7 PM at Riverside Centre. Last Tuesday of the month will feature a Spiritual Movie.
- U'th Group 7 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Living Water Church.
- U'th Social Night 7 PM, 2nd and 4th Fridays, Living Water Church
- Princeton Badminton Club welcomes new members. Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM PSS Gym

thursday movies

MORNING

- 7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Captain Ron" (1992, Comedy) Kurt Russell. A salty rogue signs on to steer the yacht of a Chicago businessman and his family in the Caribbean. (E)
- 10:00 am CITY (29) "Greener Fields" (1998, Drama) Simone Corrente. An Italian immigrant in Canada learns to carve a niche for himself through hard work and a love of soccer. (E)

AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WGN (38) ★★½ "Exclusive" (1992, Drama) Suzanne Somers. A mass murderer brings an ambitious newswoman into a potentially deadly conflict with her husband.

EVENING

- 8:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★½ "Out of Time" (2003, Suspense) Denzel Washington. Considered a suspect

in a deadly arson, a police chief must cover his tracks while trying to prove his innocence. (E)

10:05 pm CITY (29) "Greener Fields" (1998, Drama) Simone Corrente. An Italian immigrant in Canada learns to hard work and a love of soccer. (E)

11:05 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Captain Ron" (1992, Comedy) Kurt Russell. A salty rogue signs on to steer the yacht of a Chicago businessman and his family in the Caribbean. (E)

friday movies

MORNING

- 7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) (PA) Sinbad. An impostor fools a lawyer and his family as an old friend trained in oral surgery. (E)
- 10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Company Man" (2000, Comedy) Douglas McGrath. A suburban schoolteacher becomes mixed up in the Bay of Pigs fiasco after boasting to relatives that he's a CIA agent. (E)

AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WGN (38) ★★½ "Antitrust" (2001, Suspense) Ryan Phillippe. The billionaire founder of a software corporation offers a lucrative position to an idealistic computer genius.

EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Josh Hartnett. A young man meets the girl of his dreams after vowing to avoid any physical contact with women during Lent. (E)
- 7:30 pm FAM (26) "Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" (2006, Adventure) Brenda Song. Premiere. A popular teen learns she is the reincarnation of a Chinese warrior who must

save the world from an evil villain.

8:00 pm KNOW (5) ★★ "Why Shoot the Teacher?" (1977, Drama) Bud Cort. In 1930s Canada, a teacher and a neglected housewife develop a close relationship out of mutual loneliness.

8:10 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "She's All That" (1999, Romance-Comedy) Freddie Prinze Jr. A cool teen bets a friend that he can transform the school's geekiest girl into a prom queen. (E)

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "What About Bob?" (1991, Comedy) Bill Murray. A patient follows a pop psychiatrist on his vacation and annoys him while charming his family.

10:00 pm KNOW (5) "Falling for a Dancer" (1998, Drama) (Part 3 of 4) Elisabeth Dermot-Walsh. A young Irishwoman loves a dashing actor but must wed another man of her father's choosing.

10:06 pm CITY (29) "Secret Pleasures" (1999, Suspense) Kim Yates. Premiere. A private detective receives threatening missives after she engages in a steamy affair with a new client.

10:32 pm FAM (26) ★★ "An American Werewolf in Paris" (1997, Horror) Tom Everett Scott. A U.S. tourist saves a Parisian from suicide, pursues her and gradually discovers her dark secret.

Similkameen News Leader Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 22 - Princeton Posse vs Revelstoke, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 24 - Princeton Posse vs Sicamous, 2:00 PM, Arena

OCTOBER

- 6 - Princeton Posse vs Summerland, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 7 - Princeton Posse vs Columbia Valley, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 9 - Thanksgiving Day
- 14 - Logan's Run, Apex
- 20 - Princeton Posse vs Kamloops, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 21 - 11th annual Taste of Our Valley, Victory Hall, Keremeos
- 27 - Princeton Posse vs Sicamous, 7:30 PM, Arena

NOVEMBER

- 11 - Remembrance Day
- 11 - Princeton Posse vs Summerland, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 12 - Princeton Posse vs Sicamous, 2:00 PM, Arena
- 17 - Princeton Posse vs Revelstoke, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 20, 21 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (Princeton Schools)
- 22 - Non-Instructional School Day
- 26 - Princeton Posse vs Revelstoke, 2:00 PM, Arena

DECEMBER

- 1 - Christmas Light-Up, Keremeos
- 1 - Princeton Posse vs Kamloops, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 2, 3 - Christmas Arts & Crafts Weekend, Keremeos
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Boxing Day

If your Club, Group or Organization has set an important date, it can be listed here Free. Contact us for details!

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Similkameen News Leader Recipe Corner (Recipe #133)

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Mini Thai Fish Cakes (WITH CHILI AND GINGER DIPPING SAUCE)

- 300g boneless fish fillets
- 2 tablespoons red or green Curry Paste
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce
- 2 green shallots, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons Olive Lea Spread
- Dipping Sauce**
- 1/4 cup sweet chili & ginger stir-fry sauce
- 1 tablespoon natural yogurt

Method

Mince, shred or finely chop fish fillets and mix with curry paste, fish sauce, shallots, salt and pepper. Shape mixture into small patties approx. 5 cm in diameter, using a tablespoon of mix for each patty. Heat Olive Lea Spread in a large frying pan and shallow fry patties approx. 2 minutes each side until cooked and golden brown. Serve with Dipping Sauce. Dipping Sauce: Mix ingredients together. Makes approx. 15 Fish Cakes

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monday movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Counterstrike" (2002, Suspense) (PA) Joe Lando. A Secret Service agent and his brother, an ATF agent, try to stop hijackers from stealing nuclear codes aboard a ship. (DVS)

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Ben Stiller. A man finds solace with another woman after his wife cheats on him during their honeymoon. (DVS)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "The Transporter" (2002, Action) Jason Statham. A mercenary changes his mind-set after the package he is supposed to deliver turns out to be a gagged woman. (DVS)

10:06 pm CITY (29) "Scent of Murder" (2002, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn. A private investigator and a woman with a rescue dog try to find a deadly kidnaper who plays cat-and-mouse games.

11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star" (2003, Comedy) David Spade. Hoping to make a comeback, a man stays with a suburban family to prepare for the lead role in a Rob Reiner film. (DVS)

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news leader puzzle page puzzle maps of exploration

Draw a line on the map from (bracketed clue) solution to (bracketed clue) solution



Two thousand five hundred years ago in the Phoenician city of Carthage 37°N/10°E, now (melody-is), the leaving ceremony and prayers to the great god Baal "Rider of the clouds and God of thunderstorms" had just ended. Our Fleet of 60 galleys with 50 oarsmen each felt the slow drum beat. The order came, "lower oars--and pull" and we eased out of the bay. We were an exploration and colonization expedition. We carried thousands of settlers hoping to make a new life for themselves and their families. Our navigator headed us around the point and west along the coast. For 2 weeks we made good time past (simple plant-workers) city, keeping the shore on our port "left" side with the (many maps) mountains in the distance. We sailed in fear between the Pillars of Hercules, the end of "the civilized world". Briefly we docked at (flavor worker) city to re-supply before heading west into the fearsome unknown outer ocean. Some said our flat world ended in the west and the oceans dropped off into the fires of the underworld causing steam and clouds to rise up creating storms and rain. Away from shore our sails filled with a strong wind and long rolling high waves tossed us about as we joined the Canary Current and fought our way back toward the coast. We passed a small city at (are-a-night flying rodent) and continued south west down the coast inspecting various likely bays and sites suitable for settlement. In a bay, under a cliff covered with trees near Mazagan, we moored in an estuary and took a party upriver into wide reeded lakes. Here we found trumpeting Elephants and many types of wild animals eating and drinking by the shore, watched by a group of natives. One native could understand our language and agreed to be our interpreter and help us on our journey. Slowly we sailed down the coast of this lush and mostly uninhabited land leaving colonists behind in five possible settlements. At the estuary of the Dra River we made friends with a nomadic tribe tending their goats and camels and hunted wild animals with them.....to be continued.



SOLUTION: You have just followed the first part of the journey of exploration and colonization started by the Carthaginian Hanno the Navigator in 455 BC. CLUES: (melody-is) = Tunisia, (simple plant-workers) = Algiers, (many maps) mountains = Atlas Mountains, (flavor worker) = Tangier, (are-a-night flying rodent) = Rabat.

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obituary

MARSHALL ALBERT JOHNSON 1917-2006



Marshall passed away in Princeton on September 8, 2006. He is survived by his loving wife Isabella of 70 years, his doting daughter Lynne, sons Glen (Sandy), Philip (Linda), Ed (Elana). Predeceased by son Bert. Marshall also has 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. One surviving sister Sylvia Warbow and several nieces and nephews and his faithful little dog, Max. Marshall was a tireless worker for world peace and humanity right to the end.

MY CREED I Shall Live By "THE GOLDEN RULE" And Do Unto Others As I would be done by. "Our Mother Earth" I Shall Not Pollute Thee, Nor Shall I Waste or Destroy Thy Bountiful Harvest. I Shall work For And Promote Universal Peace, Love, Brotherhood And Equality Amongst All Mankind.

Amen. Marshall Johnson.

obituary

PETER PESUT 1911-2006

Peter Pesut passed away peacefully at the age of 95 years. Peter was the last surviving of four brothers, John, George and Frankie. Peter was predeceased by his wife whom passed away in 1984. He is survived by his four children, Brenda, Arlene, Bryon and Tracy; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Peter will always be remembered for his creative talents, working with his hands as a labour of love, and his devotion to his family. Peter is Always in Our Hearts.

card of thanks

THANK YOU! We would like to thank friends and family for attending our 50th Anniversary, especially those who traveled long distances for the occasion. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who so generously donated to the trust fund for Kenzie. A special thank you to our kids for planning a surprise of a lifetime. - Bev & Les Cecon

THANK YOU! I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Doctors and Staff at Princeton, Penticton and VGH hospitals for their excellent care during my heart attack. A big thank you to my family for never leaving my side. To my co-workers at Pharmasave, my friends and customers, your cards, flowers, treats and phone calls of well wishes are truly speeding my recovery! - Thanks to all, Helen Winquist

THANK YOU! We extend a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our 'Autism/Epilepsy' program. We do not have the names of everyone, but you know who you are and we know who most of you are. Thank you to our family who worked so hard to provide such a fun evening and to Gramma & Grampa for offering this 'funding' in lieu of gifts at your 50th Wedding Anniversary. It will be spent wisely. - Love Kenzie, Janelle & Brad Cecon

I, Lenard Merrier would like to thank the people of Princeton, for the care you gave my mother, Mary A. Merrier all these 24 years she's been here. Also thanks to Community Services and local businesses, her Doctors and Nurses, neighbours, everyone especially Sandra & Bud Derker. Taking her back September 15, 2006. By the way, I'm from Wabasca, Alberta. Thank you, again, Princeton! We appreciate your help and support.

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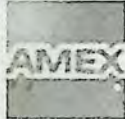
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Meeting: 7:30 PM Registration Opens: 7:00 PM

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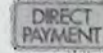
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my turn

Maybe it's the coffee

Fly ash.

It's pretty interesting stuff.

There were a few days in the past couple of weeks where the fly ash was, well, heavy.

It was almost as if someone's poorly designed science project barfed up a lot of charred bits of trees and twigs and forest parts all over our car one morning.

Did you ever bother to look at what came out of the sky? It was a very interesting mixture of things.

So as we were sweeping it off our vehicle and cursing what we were considering the ineffectiveness of free trade and cross-border relations, it happened.

Maybe it was the caffeine from our morning coffee, but we were sure it had something to do with the fly ash when we pondered the distance these little bits of bug-killed trees had travelled to rest on our car.

Once in the office, with another cup of coffee, and a topographical map of the Tatoosh Complex Fire location we did the math.

Ruler in hand - and careful to carry the one, regardless of the total - we determined the fly ash had floated no less than 70 kilometres hidden in the, er - smoke screen of a forest fire.

With this in mind, we wondered how far minute (translated to mean 'better than regulated standards') mercury particles would travel.

We're not trying to sneak in any secret messages here, but it did occur to us. It was also about this time we had wished we had paid a little more attention to what was going on in Science Class in Grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and likely 12 instead of figuring out how to shoot flames across the room with the bunsen burners.

Fly ash.

It's amazing what it can teach us about our environment in one very long and smokey lesson.

We're not scientists, but we figure your average collection of mercury molecules, on a normal non-forest fire day in September, will weigh somewhat less than fly ash.

Remember, we're not sending you secret messages here, just the facts.

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your turn

Summer resident says good-bye

To The Editor;

Fall is with us, and - hopefully! - we'll even have some rain soon. For me, it's always a sad time of year, because after a summer in this beloved, beautiful area, I have to go home and face 'life as usual.'

I have been summering in the Princeton area for 35 years, on the same place my father had before me. The beauty of this area never ceases to move me, heal me, and draw me back.

This year I managed four months here, and I'll be back on and off over the winter, until next summer rolls around, and I can come back to what is for me, a truly blessed place, with wonderful friends.

I leave with some sadness. I grieve about what we have made of our area. There have been many improvements - when I came here in 1971, we had a dirt road, no electricity or phone, and

far fewer neighbors; the ones we had were all ranchers, and in 1972 when our neighbor's son became sick, Dad cut and bailed their hay, and he and he and I brought it in.

Even in the early 90's, when another neighbor was injured, we all pitched in to bring in the hay. It used to be that sort of place.

Lately, things have changed. I've been broken into several times - always by kids, judging by what they stole or didn't steal (Stolen: loose change, an old sword I planned to put on the wall, a wireless phone).

One neighbor was broken into twice last summer, and another has been vandalized. Still another neighbor, in her 70's and alone, had her house entered and her purse stolen while she was getting her mail.

There has been random vandalism: my driveway sign was stolen, the signs of two other neighbors

knocked down. (For the record, my sign was four individual 'chainsaw art' block letters about knee-height, consisting of the letters N-U-T-S, the acronym of my old company, and a gift from an athlete I used to coach, who made it as far as World Championships.)

I'd like the sign back - it meant a lot to me.)

Parents - do you know where your kids are?

I hope we can do something about this, because theft, breaking-and-entering, vandalism - all are making this area slide into squalor.

I'm sad to leave Princeton. Even more so as I never know what I'll come back to: a vandalized house with the door wide open? It's happened to me.

I hope we can all work together to make this as good and peaceful a place, as it is a beautiful one.

- Nat Brown, Princeton

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Congratulates Similkameen Country and the Similkameen Sizzle Committee for another successful Pepper Festival.

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Current Comment:

Why would the Middle East want democracy?



Dawn Johnson
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President George W. Bush was going on at length about how the terrorists were fighting against freedom.

I felt an ironic bit of humour tickle my consciousness. Of course Hezbollah was going to fight, and it was not freedom they were fighting, it was democracy, just as the insurgents of Iraq and the Taliban of Afghanistan were fighting it. Why would they want democracy?

Democracy is one of the most dangerous political notions on the face of the political world. When the American rebels proposed a new kind of government, based on the democratic principles of the Six Nations peoples, England's reaction was one of alarm and derision, but mostly alarm. They predicted democracy, if not defeated, would fail anyway.

President Bush talks about freedom as if it were the goal of everyone everywhere. That idea is just so much sop to keep it simple for the public. What is really happening in those countries where terrorists oppose democracy is the fear of loss of power, and it is a realistic fear.

Imagine growing up in Afghanistan or Iraq or any other Middle East nation other than Israel. The customs are Arabic, and those customs dictate who will lead. Within the fabric of so-called modern Middle East nations, tribalism still means a great deal. Leaders of the tribe inherited their power, and leaders of the nation depend on tribal support in order to lead. Religion plays a part, but religion is often hand in glove with tribalism. Democracy threatens the power of tribal leaders.

Rather than being endorsed by friends and relatives, tribal leaders would face elections and the threat of secret ballots. All of those people who might hold a grudge against the leader could vote for somebody else. Power would be in the hands of the voters, and power could be wrestled from one leader and bestowed on another. Power would no longer be about tribal ties and firepower. Why would they not fight democ-

racy?

Freedom is not the issue, really. It is the limits on freedom for the people now in power that is the real issue. Democracy puts limits on freedom for those who have power, and those who have power today do not want to have limits on it tomorrow. It's like asking a rich man to give away his money.

President Bush can talk about how all the good people want freedom (democracy) and the terrorists do not, but it was not so long ago, in the United States, that "free" American citizens had to fight for their rights under the American Constitution. People from my generation died because they were trying to register black Americans to vote. Leaders who wanted an end to segregation, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Medgar Evers, were assassinated. A whole lot of white Americans did not want to give democracy to black Americans because it meant a loss of personal power over a large segment of their local population.

Women of my grandmother's generation went through something similar when they demanded the right to vote. That demand hit too close to home for most men. Again, it meant a loss of power. Women voting meant men's rule could be overturned.

In my generation, women's demands for equal opportunity was met with a lot of resistance. I

recall many verbal attacks on me, personally, because I supported the Women's Liberation Movement. Men feared losing more power.

Can you imagine how threatening it might seem to a typical Middle East male to have women equal? What a huge loss of power that would be. Gee, women might not have to wear bags over their heads in some places. They might not be forced to have their genitals mutilated. They might choose their own husbands! This might destroy the firm foundations of the family, and if so, it is highly undesirable.

Democracy is not an easy political system. Democracy does mean a lot of people will lose power while a lot of formerly powerless people would gain power.

Even within a democracy, there are many people who do not respect the freedom of others. I recall one man who was furious with his wife after a national election because she voted for a different party than he supported. He told her he expected her to vote the same way he did. She had a different point of view and voted for the party and candidate she believed would do the best job. Her husband did not respect her right to vote, and yet I would bet he would say he believes in democracy.

In a similar vein, I know a man

who was angry with his girlfriend because, during a dinner with friends, she voiced an opinion that did not agree with the opinion he stated. He told her never to do that again. If she had a differing opinion, she was not to express it in front of his friends. In other words, her opinions must be subordinate to his. He needed to show who held the power in their relationship.

Democracy is a system in which power is shared by many people. Further, it is based on respect for the right of others to express their

vision of how things should be. Even so, many people who live in a democracy and who say they uphold democratic principles find it very difficult to uphold them in a situation in which they feel a personal loss of power.

Americans and Canadians have lived in a democracy for more than a century, but we still experience difficulties in being truly democratic all of the time. Is it any wonder other nations, born of other systems and other customs, find democracy is not what they want for their future?

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by Jim Caruso

Spiritual dog obedience classes?

Early in November a few years ago, I thought that I had had a heart attack and wound up in the hospital for 5 days. It scared the stuffing out of me. I haven't eaten any stuffing since. Actually it scared the mash potatoes and gravy and all the desserts that I used to eat as well. Life hasn't been the same since.

I had had chest pain before due to stress and would change my lifestyle for a few days but would soon revert back to my old ways of doing things. Actually some of my friends had had heart attacks, some had made it, while others had passed away. I told myself at these times, you'd better change your lifestyle or you'll end up just like them. This was the incident that was a real wake up call for me and this time I heard the bell.

My doctor, after my release from the hospital, suggested that I attend a cardio rehabilitation program. He said it would be like attending dog obedience, indicating that I was indeed an old dog that needed to learn some new tricks about diet and exercise. I am happy to be able to report that I am involved in an exercise program which helps me to lose weight and reduce stress.

My doctor said that the scare of possibly having a heart attack had caused me to lose confidence in my health and that the discipline of the cardio program would reestablish my confidence. I remember reading somewhere where someone said, if I knew that I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself.

Just turning 50 and out of shape were major contributors to my hospitalization. I am now on a diet that is easy to identify. If it tastes good, I spit it out and I found that I could eat all that I want, I just can't swallow any of it. The cardio program that I just finished was so good that I think that everyone should take it; it teaches you how to eat right, read labels, and exercise, so that you will be healthier and live longer. So you are probably saying, that is if you are still reading this article, I thought this was a religious column, not a health column.

It is, but we all think about our health and the day when we will die. Someone said that we are not going to get out of this world alive and so we need to come to grips with the reality that we only have certain number of days to live, David wrote in Psalm 139:13-16:

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mothers womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me.

I actually believe that we can hasten our demise by abuse and neglect to bodies. So when we find out something that works and makes us feel better, we want to tell the world, kind of the way I feel about the good of this cardio program I just finished.

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Letter To The Editor

Masiel says no to coal-fired generation

Dear Editor;

I oppose the coal-fired generating plant! It doesn't matter whether we speak of old or new technology; pollutants are still produced, specifically sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, carbon dioxide, and particulates.

Even in small quantities, these pollutants stay around; they just don't disappear, and they eventually have a way of accumulating. "Of all the fossil fuel, coal puts out the most carbon dioxide per unit energy." (National Geographic, March 2006) Even the most unenlightened individual knows that carbon dioxide is the main culprit of global warming. My health and the health of others demand zero emissions. this is more important than lining the pockets of a CEO or others.

WHO HAS COAL? The world has more than a trillion tons of readily available coal. The US has the largest share, but other energy-hungry countries, such as China and India, are richly endowed as well. U.S. has 27%, Russia-17%, China-13%, India-10%, Australia-9%, South Africa-5%, Other-19%.

WHO USES COAL NOW? Global coal consumption is roughly five billion tons a year, with China burning the most. Western Europe has cut coal use by 36% since 1990 by using available natural gas from the North Sea and Russia. In terms of millions of tons China uses 1531, Europe 1117, U.S. 1094, India 431, Russia 251, other 1016.

WHO WILL USE IT TOMORROW? China's coal needs will more than double by 2025 to satisfy factories and consumers. The

country also plans to convert coal to liquid motor fuels. Worldwide consumption will rise by 56%. In terms of millions of tons China will use 3242, U.S. 1505, Europe 853, India 736, Russia 288, and other 1602. (National Geographic, 2006)

Because coal is used extensively in other countries, it doesn't make the technology okay. Both China and the United States are currently depending on this resource as a major source of energy. China is emerging into the 21st Century. It's growing middle class demands many of the things that go with that lifestyle; thus, the high demand for energy. The United States has a population that is "constantly demanding more" and who has never learned to use the 3 "R's" (reuse, reduce, recycle).

Coal gasification appears to be a possible alternative. It is a more expensive process, but healthier for the people. The process deals with the pollutants effectively, zero emissions! However, there is a downside; the carbon dioxide produced is harnessed and sent underground into "depleted oil fields, old coal mines, or fluid-filled rocks." (IBID). Some is even being piped to Canada!

No one YET knows the long-term consequence of this 'solution' for carbon dioxide.

We have made a real mess of our planet with our voracious appetite for energy. We all stand guilty. We can take control of our health and help by scrutinizing our lifestyle, conserving not consuming energy, and moderating our demands. You can do your part by letting your views known. Write a letter to the newspaper, to your MLA, and most importantly to RDOS (who issues the license).

M.Masiel, Princeton
 Reference: "The High Cost of Cheap Coal." National Geographic, March, 2006.

Postscript: I found Mr. Tapies' remarks (...the plant would be built regardless what the Mayor or anyone else had to say...) extremely offensive.

What Princeton residents and its elected town leader say should be important, not arbitrarily dismissed. I thought that we lived in a democracy. I might be wrong but isn't that the reason Canada is sending young men to Afghanistan and other places, to safeguard democracy in those countries? Why not just keep them here to safeguard ours.

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An aerial view of the Tatoosh Complex forest fire. Photo: BC Forest Service.

Forest Service hosts media

BC Forest Service Fire Information Officers gave local media an one-on-one, up-close look at what happens behind the scenes at a forest fire.

FIO's Sylvie Bailey, Dean Fenn and Donna MacPherson fielded questions and conducted a tour of the Fire Suppression Camp, near Princeton Fairgrounds, and of the set up at Riverside Centre.

The hours are long says MacPherson, "We start usually 6:30 to 7 and run through 'til 10 to 11 and those hours are common. People are working 12 hour days and we can do that for 14 days then the entire crew changes."

Working on the Tatoosh Complex fire - named as all fires are, after a local landmark or community near where the fire is located - is an interesting experience for the three FIOs we met.

This is the third fire for both MacPherson and Bailey and the second for Fenn.

In the Fire Information Room the former classroom blackboards are covered with various details related to the Tatoosh and Border Lake fires. The details cover everything from the number of people and pieces of equipment on site to the weather conditions.

"We keep our status boards updated regularly so we are all speaking the same language," MacPherson explains.

The News Leader was escorted out to the Fire Suppression Camp for lunch and to see the mini tent town home to nearly 200 people.

"My regular job back at the office is Financial Officer," Bailey told us on the ride to the camp.

"I've gone from numbers to talking to the media, so the learning

curve is steep."

Bailey says the BC Forest Service provides opportunities for staff to work behind the scenes of a forest fire and she has thoroughly enjoyed it.

"Everyone who works for the Forest Service should have an opportunity to work on a fire as it really opens your eyes."

The Princeton Fire Suppression Camp is currently home to 161 and another camp similar to the local one, is set up near the Border Lake fire.

Forest Service staff basically swoop into a location and set up a camp, complete with sleeping quarters, kitchen facilities, wash-rooms, laundry, sewerage, offices, communications, warehouses and security within 24 hours.

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Tatoosh Forest Fire Information Officers Donna MacPherson, Sylvie Bailey and Dean Fenn. *



Dining tents with kitchen trailers behind at the Princeton Fire Suppression Camp. *

Camp has between 75 and 100 structures on site.

Then another Forest Service crew comes in and runs the camp with meals contracted out to one of four catering companies that specialize in this particular field.

The Princeton Fire Suppression Camp was being provided meals from a company called FireWeed from Clearwater. The lunch menu on our visit consisted of what was being called a 'CCT' - a cucumber, cheese and tomato sandwich, with the choice of two soups, various raw vegetables, coffee, iced tea and deserts.

"This camp can feed 200," MacPherson pointed out.

Breakfast is served at 6:30 AM and the camp is usually all quiet by 11:00 PM. Everyone on site works a 14-day turnaround and firefighters fighting the Tatoosh and Border Lake fires are from all over BC.

"When you apply to work in the

Forest Service," MacPherson explains, "You work anywhere in the province."

As the forest fire season is nearing the end of its calendar, a lot of forest firefighters are off to finish school. Fighting fires for the BC Forest Service is a summer job to thousands of university students.

The average Unit Crew contains 20 members, which is then split into three different squads, each with a squad boss. The squad bosses receive their orders in the morning of where on the fire lines they will be and exactly what they will be doing.

The BCFS Operations at Riverside Centre includes a room for planning, basically devising the plan of attack at any given location on the fire.

There's Fire Behaviour Crews who analyze weather, weather patterns, fuel sources and timber condition to predict what the fire may or may not do under a variety of

conditions.

There's a briefing area, the fire information room, communications areas dealing with both air and land communications, there's fire mapping and media relations.

In addition to all the Forest Service staff on site, countless local volunteers have joined the ranks to help out as the Tatoosh and Border Lake fires are fought.

Even after the fires are contained, which could take weeks, there will still be crews in the area for mop up work and a variety of other tasks related to clean up duties.

Crews will eventually move to other fires and the number of workers based in Princeton will slowly be reduced until the last bit of work is completed.

The Similkameen News Leader thanks BC Forest Service and FIO's MacPherson, Bailey and Fenn for their time and for allowing us to see the behind the scenes activity.



Fire Information Officers Sylvie Bailey, standing, and Dean Fenn in the Information Room. The blackboard contains up-to-date status information on the Tatoosh and Border Lake fires. *

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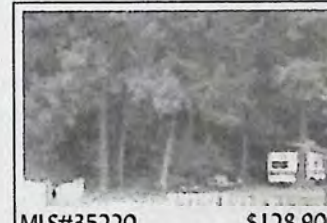
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