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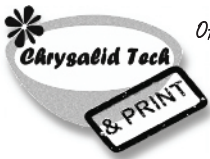
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## Sleepy intruder startles PG neighbours

Prince George RCMP responded to several calls in the wee hours of February 18 reporting the presence of a man attempting access into people's homes.

In one instance, a stone was thrown through the window. In another, the man entered the home and asked the

owner to call 9-1-1. After two other reports, police caught up with the suspect around 5:30 am: he was found asleep on the couch of a home he had entered.

The suspect, who will appear at a later date in court, is known to the police.

## Trivia:

What is the encased end of a shoelace called? (Answer back page) →

## A bigger bump for property taxes

At a Special Budget Meeting in February, Finance Director Kerri Borne presented options to Council for property tax increases to cover a projected shortfall caused by revenue loss and increased costs.

Council is favouring a 12.76% increase rather than dip further into reserve funds. The increase is estimated to translate to \$13 per month for the average residential property.

According to Borne, the Dis-

trict's operating budget has been drawing from the Financial Stability Reserve

See 'Property taxes' over →

## Quotes:

“ Kids are going haywire over the sheer noise of this band... There is danger of an entire generation growing up with the idea that jazz and the atom bomb are essentially the same natural phenomenon.

— Barry Ulanov, writing in 1948 about Stan Kenton band

## Shorter fireworks just fine for some

WinterQuest revelers enjoyed a shorter fireworks display this year, compared to last.

Rec Services Director Terry Gilmer said last year's fireworks were funded by a grant through the Chamber. There was no similar grant this year but a sponsorship from Iris Energy helped offset some of the costs.

Gilmer said that feedback from parents was positive: kids were less likely to lose interest with a shorter show. But he knows that some were disappointed.

The event had to change its venue and some offerings this year due to the unusual lack of snow. Winds on some days curtailed the use of log torches.

However, Gilmer said the wooded path next to the bike park offered an accessible trail this year. The trail lights were powered from Azu Health.

## News of the Odd:

A 19-year-old Port Moody man was arrested after allegedly driving his car off a boat launch into the Burrard Inlet this week, according to media reports.

The man was livestreaming his action for a popular U.S. social media livestreamer, Adin Ross, who offered cash for the stunt.

The car remained in the water for 12 hours before being removed.

## New commercial bins coming

One hundred and fifty new front-loading commercial garbage bins will be arriving this summer after Council approved the contract award for the District last week.

Universal Handling of Red Deer, Alberta, was chosen out of six bidders, including a firm that has an office in Mackenzie. Langley-based Rollins Machinery, which also submitted a bid, will be supplying the new commercial garbage truck.

According to staff, Universal's bid offered the lowest price by more than half in some cases, as well as the most timely delivery.

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## BC's primary forests still being burned in pellet stoves: BBC

The Prince George region continues to be a large source of wood pellets exported to the UK as "green energy". A report last month by BBC News found a UK-based pellet manufacturer, Drax, took timber from primary and old growth B.C. forests it had claimed were "no-go areas".

Documents from the BC Ministry of Forests reportedly show the company took more than 40,000 tonnes of wood from old-growth and Priority Deferral Areas in 2023.

Drax owns seven pellet mills in British Columbia after acquiring Pinnacle Renewable Energy in

2021. Drax is not the only company operating in the region but has established industry dominance. Pacific Bioenergy also operates in the province and is B.C.'s second-largest wood pellet maker.

Prince George-based Conservation North has sounded the alarm for several years on the use of whole raw logs in pellet making, contrary to industry claims of using forestry waste wood.

Source: BBC.com, Conservation North (via Northern Capital News)



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Regular Pharmacy hours will resume Monday March 25.

On Saturday, messages regarding emergency requests can be left with the Cashiers. Sheri will respond within 24 hours. Thank you.



# COMMUNITY NOTES

## LEGION EVENTS

**March 8:** Spaghetti night w/ garlic br & salad 5 - 8 pm. Karaoke 7 pm (19+). **March 9:** Crib Tournament, 7 pm. Registration from 6:10 pm (19+). **March 15:** Burger night w/ fries & onion rings 5 - 8 pm. Dinners \$18/\$20/\$12.

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Monday Night Song Circle / Jam night @ the Baptist Church, 7 - 9 pm.

**MACKENZIE MEN'S SHED SOCIETY** meets the third Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Alexander Mackenzie Hotel Explorer Room. Info: 778-582-1773.

## Have a public notice?



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## 'Property taxes' ...

(sitting at now just over \$2 million) since 2022.

The goal, she says, is to reduce the annual transfer and find other ways to fund the shortfall. This year's proposed draw of \$103,244 would be half of last year's amount and a third of 2022's draw.

Replying to *The Buzzette*, Borne said that a large shuttered industrial property which has been expected to seek tax easement has so far not done so.

Final tax rates will be approved in April with Council's vote on the Property Tax bylaw.



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**BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT** Info Night w/ Axis Family Resources. March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 pm @ Mackenzie Community Services, 500 Mackenzie Blvd.

**KIDS PROGRAMS @ MCAC** Weds to Sats 3:30 - 5 pm. Also "Saturdays With..." drop-off crafting and free play, noon - 2 pm every Saturday. Pre-register: (250) 997-5818.

**THE MACKTOWN 5 x 5** is back in April! Canvases \$2 each @ MCAC. Submit your works by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Come to Open Studios 2:30 to 5 pm Fridays and Saturdays. Free paints & supplies, thanks to BC Arts Council. More info: (250) 997--5818.

**WALK TO ITALY** Continues to April 22. Join us for a 9,966 km walk to Rome, Italy! Register @ Rec Centre.

# BUZZETTE MINI-CROSS

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## DOWN

1. Non-presence
2. Text-speak for "You're"
3. Precise light beam
4. For chips or buying stocks
5. Fastener
6. Pleasure, surprise
8. Heavy moving equipment
11. Entice, persuade
14. Affirmative vote
17. Pays bills (*acr*)

## ACROSS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Lang Syne
5. Data, music storage (*acr*)
7. Fingertip language
9. To sour, rot, mold
10. Teaching of children accreditation (*acr*)

12. Software interface (*acr*)
13. Defense organization - Canada - U.S. (*acr*)
15. California or Canada?
16. Uh huh.
18. A passage or segment taken from a longer work

**BRAIN TEASER** from last issue: Take a piece from the box labeled "Peanuts & Raisins". As all labels are wrong, the others can be determined by process of elimination. **MAGIC SQUARE ANSWERS:** Top row: 8, 12; Second row: 4, 14, 5; Third row: 15, 3; Fourth row: 2, 16.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:** An angle

**Fun Facts:** The expression "flash in the pan", referring to something which disappoints by failing to deliver, is thought to come from Gold Rush days when miners would see a glint in their gold pan, only to find it's not gold.

**MATH FUN:** 111  
333

Erase exactly five numbers to make the figures total 1111.

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## Mackenzie Mixed Dart League Standings

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Outsiders 101      | 7. Shazaam 50       | 100; Mike 115, 140;    |
| 2. Dart Vaders 89     | 8. Double Vision 43 | Matt 116               |
| 3. We Can Fix That 72 | <b>High Scores:</b> | <b>Low Scores:</b>     |
| 4. Sharp Shooters 64  | Nathen 100 x 3,     | Christine D, Erik x 2, |
| 5. Cereal Killers 58  | 123; Mike S 133;    | Kerri, Terrance x 2    |
| 6. Blazing Darts 53   | Nicole 100; Luke    |                        |

## XKCD

UGH, BIOLOGY IS THE WORST. BODIES HAVE ALL THESE RANDOM PROBLEMS.

IS IT TRUE THAT IF SOMEONE MAKES A HOLE IN YOU, IT JUST CLOSES UP ON ITS OWN?

ONLY SOMETIMES. AND IT'S NOT EXACTLY FUN.

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