

# Home and Family

## Coming events

**CRIB PARTY:** Branch 26 Senior Citizens Association will hold a crib party from 7:30 Monday at 2360 Laurier Cres. Everyone welcome.

**FOLK ART I:** Studio 2880 will sponsor an adult class in Folk Art I from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 at the studio. Participants will learn basic strokes, surface preparation, transferring design and basic finishes. Four sessions cost \$28. Instructor Mina Olinger. For more information phone 562-4526.

**SCARVES/ACCESSORIES:** Studio 2880 will sponsor an adult class in simply perfect scarves and accessories from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning Jan. 29 at the studio. Instructor Rosa Martincich. Using your sewing machine create easy and inexpensive accessories: scarves, belts, covered buttons, buckles, bows, rosettes, and headbands. Cost is \$25 for three sessions. For more information phone 562-4526.

**PORCELAIN DOLLS:** Studio 2880 will sponsor a class in porcelain doll making from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 30 at the studio. Instructor Angela Hileman. Participants will make Sugar Britches from start to finish. Four sessions cost \$120 and includes all materials. For more information phone 562-4526.

**KINDERCARPENTERS:** Studio 2880 presents a preschool class in Kindercarpenters for three to five year olds from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. beginning Jan. 27 at the studio. Instructor Marlene Nelson will lead the children in use of simple hand tools while children complete practical, well designed projects. Course fee is \$30 for eight sessions. For more information phone 562-4526.

**QUILTING II:** Studio 2880 presents an adult class in quilting from 1 to 3 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the studio. Instructor is Maureen Larsen. Learn more advanced quilting techniques. Participants will complete a wall hanging. Course fee \$45 for ten weeks. For more information phone 562-4526.

**AVALANCHE SAFETY:** The Federation of Mountain Clubs will present a four-day practical advanced avalanche safety course for back country skiers from Jan. 27 to 30 at the North Rockies Ski Tours lodge in the northeast Rockies. Prerequisite for this course is a basic avalanche safety course. For more information phone George Evanoff at 564-7814 or 563-1210.

**MARDI GRAS:** A Mardi Gras Mini Mardi House meeting will be held from 7:30 p.m. Monday at 1529 8th Avenue. For more information phone 564-3737.

**SNOWGOLF:** The Mardi Gras Snowgolf Committee would like to remind all Snowgolfers to register their teams for the World Championship Tournament by Jan. 15. Fees are \$40 per person or \$160 per team. After Jan. 15, fees will be \$50 per person or \$200 per team. For more information phone 564-3737.

**RED CROSS:** Red Cross will hold an emergency first aid course including CPR, from 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 26 and 27. Students 15 and older are welcome. For more information and to register phone 564-6566 or 564-6567.

**CARPENTERS WORKSHOP:** St. Stephen's Anglican church, Emmanuel United Church and the Diocese of Caledonia will sponsor a program in Christian discipleship from 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23 at Emmanuel United Church, 4020 Balsam Dr. Led by Reverend Marney Patterson, Anglican priest and evangelist, the program will help equip Christians to effectively share their faith in Christ. Cost is \$20 each or \$33 per couple. For more information phone 962-7609 or write to Mrs. Ann Medcalf, 3008 Dundee Drive, PG. V2K 3R4.

**COLLEGE HEIGHTS:** College Heights Community Association will hold registration for Mini Chefs (eight to ten year olds) and hockey (FIA) as well as other winter programs from 7:30 p.m. Monday in the gym at College Heights secondary.

## Quick action saves baby

by Canadian Press

A Peel Region police officer played midwife and delivered a baby boy this week.

Acting Sgt. Jeff Lavigne's quick actions may have saved the life of the infant, whose umbilical cord was wrapped three times around his neck.

"You're all pumped up, it's four in the morning and there isn't much time to think, so most of it comes from natural instinct," Lavigne said after delivering the baby, now named Andy.

"We are grateful that he was there," said mother, Kowsilla Balgobin from a hospital bed where she was taken after the unexpected delivery.

Lavigne, 36, the father of a three-year-old girl, was working the overnight shift when he got the emergency call.

The baby wasn't expected until Jan. 19.

## JAIL DOESN'T SOLVE PROBLEM

# Treatment 'best solution' for drunks

Dear Ann Landers: I am a recovering alcoholic and a former drunken driver.

Jail, the loss of my license, pleading by family members and trouble with my employer did not deter me. I was insane when it came to drinking. Thankfully, I never killed or maimed anyone.

Most multiple offenders are alcoholics. They drink abnormally, can't stop by themselves and cause real problems. The DUI (driving under the influence) laws do not work. They are legal "solutions" to a medical problem.

We can't keep drunk drivers locked up forever. Sobriety is the only solution. Evaluating and sending alcoholics to treatment centers and Alcoholics Anonymous will save money and lives. Treatment centers generally have a 40 per cent success rate. Jails have no success rate.

If the energy exerted to get alcoholics locked up was diverted to keeping them sober, it would be a giant step toward the solution of a heartbreaking problem. — S.S., Somewhere in Tennessee

Dear Tennessee: I don't know when I've read so much good sense in one letter. I hope the day isn't far off when we are civilized

Advice on life



Ann Landers

enough to act on this recommendation. Thanks for an excellent letter.

Dear Ann Landers: A very beautiful woman came to work in this office three years ago. She is wonderful in so many ways — kind and thoughtful, always willing to help someone out, often on her own time.

We all knew that "Cora" has been gaining weight steadily over the past year even though she tried to conceal it by wearing loose-fitting, shapeless outfits.

Engagement Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Brian G. Kerr are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Patricia Lynn to Shane Alan Philibert son of Mr. and Mrs. George Philibert. The wedding will take place on October 7, 1989 at the First Baptist Church.

## Clinics

Nurses from the Northern Interior Health Unit will conduct child health clinics Monday from 1:10 to 3 p.m. at the NIHU, 1444 Edmonton St., and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Blackburn school. For more information on these or times of clinics in your area, phone 565-7311.

## PRINCE GEORGE SECONDARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEMESTER 2

Beginning Feb. 2, 1989

Students planning on registering at P.G.S.S. for semester 2 are advised to contact the school at 562-6441 between January 9 - 20, 1989. It is advisable to register early as course selections are limited.

## FOSTER HOME NEEDED

A foster home is urgently required for four Native children in the Prince George area. These children require long term placement with a stable family who can provide a secure, loving environment. These children have a wide range of emotional and behavior problems.

Prospective foster parents would be asked to:

- provided a well-structured, nurturing environment,
- devote time and energy to the individual needs of the children,
- accommodate the special counselling and treatment needs of the children,
- work co-operatively with other agencies involved with the children such as the school, psychologists, or child care workers,
- actively involve the children in organized activities outside of the home, and
- have knowledge of the Carrier language and traditions and/or provide access to the Native language and culture of the children.

Preferably, these would be the only children in the home as they require a tremendous amount of special care and attention. One of the parents would be required to devote their full-time attention to this rewarding task.

Fee for service is negotiable.

If you feel you could provide a home for these or any other children please contact:

Sue McKay  
Ministry of Social Services  
& Housing  
Drawer 830  
Vanderhoof, B.C.  
V0J 3A0  
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## HOMES AWAY FROM HOME

From time to time, parents do need a short break from their kids. For parents with children who have disabilities, this is especially true. However, it is a problem for such parents to find suitable folks to care for the special needs of these children.

The CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, AIMHI and the MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING are working with parents to help them find families in the community who are willing to lend a helping hand.

If you feel that you can handle the challenge. If you have a couple of weekends a month and perhaps some nights during the week. If you would like to find out more about supporting families who have children with disabilities, PLEASE, call us and find out more about this endeavor.

Rates of remuneration to be negotiated.

CALL

ANTHONY AT 962-9286  
or PAT BUNN AT 563-7168

A few days ago we had our office party. I was speechless when I saw her in a clinging cocktail dress. The girl had the biggest one-year rear-end increase I've ever seen in my entire life.

Several of us are so concerned that we met for lunch to figure out how to help her. We are stumped and don't know how to go about it. Can you suggest something? — Willing Co-Workers in N.Y.

Dear Co-Workers: If you really want to help your co-worker with

her huge one-year rear-end increase, keep quiet. Cora knows she has gained a lot of weight and is probably agonizing about it.

If she should begin to slim down or mentions that she is on a diet, that's the time to help by giving her praise and encouragement. Until then, keep quiet.

Dear Ann Landers: A while back one of your readers said she hated to wear a seat belt because it hit her in all the wrong places. I had that problem, too, and then a

friend gave me this tip.

Simply turn the buckle over once or twice before inserting it into the clamp. This moves the shoulder strap toward the center of the lap where it will fit comfortably and safely across the body. — Carol J. in Salem, Ore.

Dear Carol: I tried it and it works! Thanks, dear!



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