

# Local news

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## Fire guts Upland eightplex

Tenants from three apartments must look for new quarters after a fire Thursday gutted one unit of an eightplex at 2110 Upland St., damaged two others and caused about \$100,000 damage.

The fire broke out at 12:45 a.m. No one was injured, but tenants of the gutted units did not have possessions insurance. The Red Cross has responded with immediate help for those left homeless.

The fire is believed to have started from someone smoking, deputy fire chief Lorne Houston indicated today. The fire also caused minor damage to other units in the duplex.

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A Prince George man returns to court Sept. 23 after being charged with attempting to murder his wife.

David George Harvey, 39, was remanded in custody when he made his first court appearance Thursday and was ordered to undergo a psychiatric examination.

Harvey is accused of attempting to smother his wife with pillows and a blanket Wednesday evening. The 36-year-old woman was taken to hospital for treatment and discharged later that day.

Harvey was arrested by police early Thursday. The city man also faces one count of aggravated assault.

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More than \$10,000 is missing from the pot at the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, say Mackenzie RCMP, who are investigating an early August complaint.

A financial audit is under way and the exact amount of funds missing has yet to be tabulated, Mackenzie RCMP said today.

Police said a number of interviews are expected with potential witnesses.

Charges have yet to be laid, but that could come within the next two weeks after recommendations are forwarded to Crown counsel.

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The Prince George RCMP drug section seized 50 marijuana plants from an outdoor garden near Red Rock, but have yet to arrest any suspect.

The 9 a.m. seizure was at a Cobble Road home. An investigation is continuing.

A tip to Crime Stoppers aided in the latest marijuana seizure and police are continuing to welcome information from anonymous number who phone the 564-TIPS number.

## Sentence awaited

QUESNEL — The former treasurer of a society that promotes international goodwill pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing more than \$3,000 from the organization.

Brian Olmstead of Quesnel will be sentenced Sept. 28.

He was charged last October with theft over \$1,000 from the Shirai Twinning Society after other society members confronted him about various suspicious banking transactions.

The non-profit society was established in 1988 to promote cultural exchange and understanding between Quesnel and its sister city in Japan, Shirai.

Olmstead was treasurer from 1990 to Feb. 7, 1992.

## Tourist alert

The following people, believed travelling in British Columbia, are asked to contact the persons listed.

- Gary Berge of North Vancouver, call Pat Berge.
- Vernon Hale of New Westminster, B.C., call Derek Hale.



Home show

Jason Zazelenchuk lounges in an empty hot tub he and his partner Dan Johnson will move into Kin II for their Leisure Tub and Spa booth at the Fall Home Show — judged the best booth at the recent Prince George Exhibition. More than 100 companies from B.C. to Manitoba have entered the three-day Fall Home Show that runs today from 4 to 10 p.m. It's open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Citizen photo by Dave Milne

## LOGGING NEAR STREAMS

# New rules to protect fish

by KEN BERNSOHN  
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Foresters can expect to see at least five pounds of new draft regulations in the next two months.

A draft of new Interior fish-forestry guidelines will be released in about a month, regional habitat biologist Dave King said Thursday.

The new regulations will, among other things, require that all streams have to be classified and planned for before any logging takes place, King explained to a meeting of the Prince George Land and Resource Management Planning Group.

If a stream has salmon and trout in it, it's considered a Class A stream. If it has fish, but not sport fish, it's Class B. And if it has no fish — mainly seasonal streams that disappear in dry weather — it's Class C.

The new regulations call for trees to be left standing near all Class A streams in a belt 10 metres wide, as long as 10 metres will provide an edge which won't just blow down. If that's not enough to be "windfirm," the strip left will have to be wider.

The package is expected to have almost 100 new rules to help protect fish habitat.

Soon after those guidelines are released, a draft of the long-promised Forest Practices Code is expected to be released, says Eric Kristensen, executive assistant to Forests Minister Dan Miller, who confirmed what King said.

This will have new, tighter, rules for logging, road-building, replanting and just about everything else forest companies do in the woods.

The Interior fish-forestry guide-

lines have been worked on for almost five years.

When company foresters heard the news Thursday they appeared dismayed, since regulations have been getting more complex every few months for the past several years, and have kept changing on a regular basis.

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## Village school destroyed

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SMITHERS — Fire destroyed an elementary school in South Hazelton, north of Smithers, early Thursday.

A fire department spokesman said the only things left standing were a fire wall and the school's gymnasium.

There are no reports of injuries.

The fire came just 11 days before the start of the school year.

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## PARK GOLFERS SOUGHT

The City of Prince George is reacting to reports of golf balls flying off Connaught Hill and into the rear parking lot of Queensway Towers Apartments, says the parks manager for the city.

"We have a drive-through several times a night since that incident," Mike Maguire said Thursday. "We have stepped up security patrols."

Arlette Park, building co-manager, complained this week about fly-by-night golfers who are practising the sport in an unwelcome location.

From the south side of the hilltop park, a clear break through the trees is attracting mischief-makers to blast balls down the hill and into the parking lot.

Maguire detailed other measures that are being taken to thwart the golfers, but asked that they not be revealed, in case that knowledge tips off the culprits.

"We have addressed the situation," he said. "Someone could get killed by a flying golf ball."

## HERE SINCE 1956

# Dr. Carson mourned

by SHERYL THOMPSON  
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The man who delivered the first baby in Prince George Regional Hospital's current location died Thursday morning at home after a battle with cancer.

A memorial service for Dr. Patrick James Carson, 65, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church.

When Dr. Carson moved here in 1956, he was the eighth doctor in the city.

Since then, he has served in various roles in the hospital and within the community, as well as operating an independent family practice before being joined by Dr. Anne Pousette. His illness forced him to retire.

His wife, Ruth, said the partnership was special, as her husband had been Dr. Pousette's family doctor for years.

"He had looked after the Gairns family for years. Ann was the oldest. The Gairns children were same ages as ours. She ended up taking medicine and being his partner."

"That doesn't happen many other places than in Prince George."

Dr. Carson was born in Vancouver and spent his youth in Prince Rupert. He went to Upper Canada College in Toronto for three years before completing his medical degree at UBC.

He was in the second graduating

class from the UBC Faculty of Medicine. He took his internship at UBC and practised briefly in Kimberley before moving to Prince George to work in the associated medical clinic on Quebec Street. He was one of several doctors who built the Victoria Medical Building in the early 1960s.

Dr. Carson also belonged to the Kinsmen and Gyro clubs, held many positions in the hospital over the years, and was active in the medical society.

He also was instrumental in getting home care programs established in Prince George, his wife said.

Dr. Carson was "always a very dedicated, compassionate person towards his family, friends and patients," she said.

He is survived by his wife, children Jane (George) Grant of Vancouver, Harry (Nitaya) of Prince George, Kathleen (Howard) Shull of Prince George and Jim, of Vancouver. He is also survived by four grandchildren, his brother, John, and several cousins.

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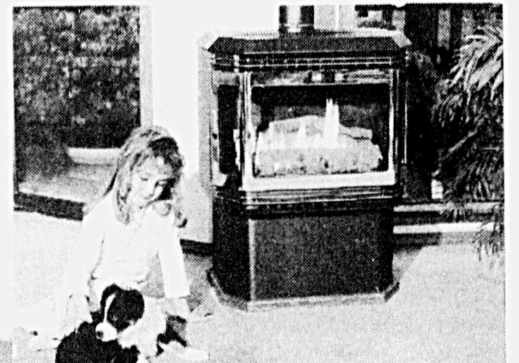
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