

# LOCAL/PROVINCE

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562-2441, Local 382



## POLICE BEAT



### 42-year-old city man dies in freak mishap

by PAUL STRICKLAND  
Citizen Staff

The coroner's office is investigating a Saturday night accident 32 kilometres east of Prince George that took the life of a 42-year-old Prince George man.

Dennis Wilson had stopped his car on Highway 16 at 11:15. As he left the car, it started to roll.

He tried to stop it, but was run over and died instantly.

Alcohol appears to be a factor in the accident, police said.

#### Let someone know where you go

Police remind people planning a hunting trip or a hike in the bush to leave word with family or friends about where they plan to go.

Quesnel RCMP and search-and-rescue personnel spent many hours trying to locate a couple who left their home at 4 p.m. Thursday planning to hunt for a couple of hours. They expected to be back home by 8 p.m. but did not return that night.

The husband's employer called RCMP when he failed to show up at work in the morning.

It turned out the couple had had vehicle trouble. They ended up walking a considerable distance to get help, and finally arrived back at home Friday afternoon.

Let someone know where you are going when you go hunting, hiking, berry-picking, or the like, RCMP say.

"If you become overdue and it is necessary to call us and search and rescue, we can cut our time and work down considerably and increase our chances of locating you, if we have a rough idea of where to start looking," said Quesnel RCMP Cpl. B. K. Hosker.

"Please also be prepared in the event you run into trouble and end up overnight in the bush."

Police advise taking food and water with you, and dressing appropriately for the wilderness.

#### 12-year-old robs corner store

They're starting their careers earlier than ever.

A 12-year-old boy entered Bee's Better Buy, 1788 Ninth Ave., at 6:44 p.m. Friday, and pointed what the owner believed to be a handgun.

The owner gave the culprit an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register.

The youth was last seen running south on Winnipeg Street towards Parkwood Mall.

He is described as 145 centimetres (four feet, nine inches) tall, and is estimated to weight about 45 kilograms (100 pounds). He was wearing a yellow and black ballcap, a long white and blue T-shirt, and shorts.

Anyone having information on this robbery is asked to contact Const. P.J.D. LeMaitre at 561-3300, or call CrimeStoppers at 564-8477. All calls will remain confidential.

## B.C. WEATHER OUTLOOK

**Prince George:** Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Uv 3.8. High 15. Low 1. Tuesday, mainly sunny. High 16. Probability of precipitation 10 per cent today and Tuesday.

**Chilcotin:** Today, a mix of sun and cloud. Uv 4.2. High near 19. Tuesday, mainly sunny. Low near 1. High near 18.

**Cariboo:** Today, a mix of sun and cloud. Uv 4.2. High 17. Low 1. Tuesday, mainly sunny. High 18. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent today, 10 Tuesday.

**Yellowhead:** Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Uv 4.0. High near 16. Tuesday, sunny with cloudy periods. Low near 2. High near 19.

**McGregor:** Today, mainly sunny. Uv 3.5. High near 16. Tuesday, sunny with cloudy periods. Low near 1. High near 17.

**Williston:** Today, mainly sunny. Uv 3.4. High 13. Low 1. Tuesday, mainly sunny. High 15. Probability of precipitation, 10 per cent today and Tuesday.

**Bulkley Valley, the lakes:** Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Uv 3.6. High 17. Low 2. Tuesday, sunny with cloudy periods. High 17. Probability of precipitation 10 per cent today and Tuesday.

**Vancouver:** Today, cloudy with afternoon sunny periods. High 20.

Tuesday, morning low cloud or fog then sunny. Low 11. High 20 coast to 25 inland. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent today, 10 Tuesday.

**Victoria:** Today, cloudy with afternoon sunny periods. High 16 coast to 20 inland. Tuesday, morning low cloud or fog then sunny. Low 10. High 18 to 24. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent today, 10 Tuesday.

**North Coast:** Today, cloudy with sunny periods. Areas of low cloud and fog along the coast. High 16 coast to 20 inland. Tuesday, cloudy with sunny periods. Low 9. High 16 to 20. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent today and Tuesday.

**Okanagan:** Today, a mix of sun and cloud. Uv 4.5. High 25. Low 8. Tuesday, sunny. High 25. Probability of precipitation, 20 per cent today, zero Tuesday.

**Thompson:** Today, a mix of sun and cloud. Uv 4.4. High 24. Low 8. Tuesday, sunny. High 24. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent today, zero Tuesday.

**Peace River:** Today, morning low cloud otherwise mainly sunny and cool. Winds light. Minimum humidity 55 per cent. Drying index fair. Uv 3.2. High 9. Low zero. Tuesday, mainly sunny. High 11. Probability of precipitation 20 per cent today, 10 Tuesday.

## CENTRAL INTERIOR EXTENDED FORECAST

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
Low near 2 High near 17 Sunrise: 6:48 Sunset: 7:21	Low near 3 High near 18 Sunrise: 6:50 Sunset: 7:18	Low near 3 High near 18 Sunrise: 6:51 Sunset: 7:16

## SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO THEATRE

# Friends share memories in tribute to Jose Smith

by PAUL STRICKLAND  
Citizen staff

Friends and family gathered Sunday at the Highland Elementary School gym to celebrate the life of a woman who inspired a love of poetry and drama in hundreds of Prince George students.

Speakers gave testimony about how Jose Smith immeasurably enriched theatre in this community.

Smith died in Vancouver Hospital of a heart condition July 29. She had lived on Hornby Island since 1989.

School District 57 superintendent Phil Redmond made the opening statement at Sunday's memorial service. "In moments like this, our minds go back to joyful and precious moments," he said. "We remember her smile, her talent, her love of theatre, her dedication to teaching and her exuberance and love of life.

"In the days to come, these memories will not dim."

Smith moved to Prince George in 1966 and lived here for 23 years. In 1989 she was named Prince George

Rotary Citizen of the Year for her contribution to the lives of local children.

In the late 1960s, Smith founded the Wonderland Players, a children's theatre company. The Highland Elementary School gym was where she held rehearsals for its first production, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

"She believed in taking theatre to children," Redmond said. "She took many plays to schools and involved so many children in the community."

She inspired many young people to go into drama through university programs or at theatre schools, he added.

"Because of Jose, I went to university after my son grew up," said Anna Pickett. "She showed me anything was possible."

Pickett said that when she visited Greece in 1993, the landscape and monuments were alive with history and meaning because of what she had learned from Smith. She read 19th-century British poet John Keats's Ode on a Grecian Urn, noting Smith had introduced her to his works.

Ruth Goritsas remembered, among

other things, Smith's extensive collection of books on English literature, which she described as a treasure trove. Maggie Ramage recalled her openness, "her passion for deep friendship." Many speakers noted her patience and good humor, and how she encouraged students and avoided negative criticism.

The ceremonies ended with a video, recorded in recent years on Hornby Island, of Smith's reading of The Lady of Shalott, a 1832 narrative poem by British poet Alfred Lord Tennyson, with musical accompaniment.

At the back of the gym was a biographical sequence of photos prepared by her husband, Jim, and a large poster photo of her as Annie Oakley in the 1974 Prince George Theatre Workshop production of Annie, Get Your Gun. Smith did more than 30 productions herself in Prince George.

She also played the role of Portia in the Merchant of Venice, the first play in the Prince George Playhouse when it opened in 1971.

## Fall plant sale



Citizen photo by Brent Braaten

Heidi Strong, left, looks at plants with the help of Councillor Anne Martin, president of the David Douglas Botanical Garden Society. The turnout to the fall plant sale was tremendous, organizers said. The event was held Sunday at the Agora at the University of Northern B.C.

## Hiker's body found

WHISTLER (CP) — A body believed to be that of a missing Ontario woman has been found at the base of a glacier near this B.C. resort community.

Anne Marie Potton, 24, had moved to Whistler in 1993 from St. Catharines.

She was last seen Oct. 8, 1994, when she told friends she intended to take a gondola lift to the summit of Whistler mountain and hike down a well-marked path.

RCMP said Sunday that a positive identification had not been made but they believe the body is that of Potton.

The body was found Saturday by a Whistler Mountain employee. The remains were removed early Sunday.

"We've got some peace of mind," Potton's father George said Sunday night. "Although we lost her, she died peacefully, with dignity and she died doing what she wanted to do."

"I'm very thankful we found our daughter," said her mother Maureen. "We are hurting and will live with this forever."

Police said it appeared Potton attempted to walk down the glacier but slipped, then slid down the glacier and struck rocks at the bottom.

## Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God.



Isaiah 40:28

St. Mary's Catholic Church (Freeman St. Entrance) will hold a series of **Inquiry Sessions** beginning **Tuesday, September 19, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. *A warm welcome awaits you - COME & SEE* about our faith; Explore your own spirituality, and Celebrate!

For more information please feel free to call -

**The Rectory at 564-4097,  
Pat at 564-2154 or Joan at 564-2417.**

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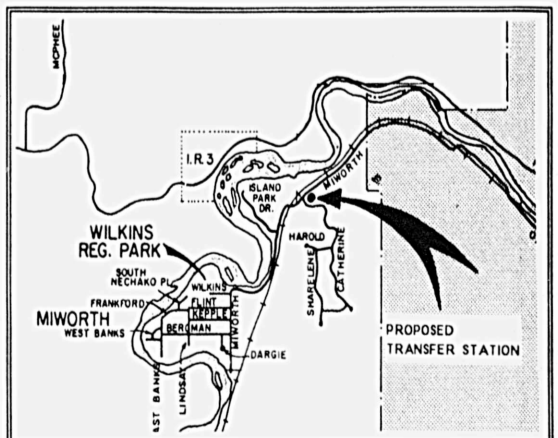
## FRASER-FORT GEORGE REGIONAL DISTRICT

Environmental Services Department  
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## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

### MIWORTH TRANSFER STATION

The Regional District is considering placement of a small transfer station on land located at the corner of Catherine Drive and Miworth Road to provide household waste disposal service for Miworth area residents. A public meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 18, 1995 at the Miworth Community Hall, 13510 Flint Road, to provide information concerning the Miworth Transfer Station project.



For further information, please contact the Environmental Services Department during regular office hours, 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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