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Burn ban

Large fires not allowed in Prince George region

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As of noon today, the first burning ban of the spring takes effect in the region.

The Prince George Fire Centre announced this weekend that across northeastern B.C. on Crown land, park lands, and on private land ungoverned by municipal or regional district bylaws, larger fires were no longer allowed. “This open fire ban is in effect to protect public safety and to limit the risk of person-caused wildfires,” said Jillian Chimko, Fire Information Officer at the Ministry of Forests’ Prince George Fire Centre.

The ban applies to what are called Category 2 and 3 fires in provincial regulation. “A Category 2 open fire means an open fire that burns piled material no larger than two metres high and three metres wide, or grass over an area less than 0.2 hectares (2,000 square metres) in size,” Chimko said. “A Category 3 open fire means an open fire that burns material in piles larger than two metres high and three metres wide, windrows, or grass over an larger than 0.2 hectares (2,000 square metres) in size — this includes all resource management burns.

Chimko said no outdoor fire should be lit at this time without first checking with the City of Prince George or the Fraser-Fort George Regional District. To report a wildfire or unattended campfire call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on most cellular networks. For more information on open fire restrictions or for updates on current wildfire activity, visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

FOR THE KIDS

— Shawn Neufeld practices putting before the B.C. Children's Hospital golf tournament. The event had everything organizers wished for Sunday at Alder Hills. One of the 120 golfers stroked a hole in one on the 6th hole, and tournament chair Rob Mitchell said the fundraising was better than par. “Final numbers are not in but it will exceed \$15,000. We set a goal of \$15,000 so that feels great. We will know final numbers by Friday,” he said.

Citizen photo by Brent Braaten



Walk For Justice marches to P.G.

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The parade of activists marching in the 2009 Walk For Justice will arrive in Prince George sometime today.

The marchers left from Vancouver on May 29 and they are on their way to Prince Rupert on June 22. Along the way they hope to spread the word about the missing and murdered women from Vancouver's downtown east side, the Highway of Tears, and all the other women victimized in the province over the years, for whom there has been no justice.

The primary organizers, including former northerner Gladys Radek, a relative of a Highway of Tears victim, were part of the long walk last year from Vancouver to Parliament Hill in Ottawa, and this year they decided to take on the heart of B.C. where so many of these crimes have occurred.

“Our goal is to rally and raise awareness of this escalating violence towards women,” said Radek. “The statistics are rising at an alarming rate since 2000 and we have to stop it. It is getting so dangerous for all women these days. It is time to take back our streets and communities and say ‘no more’.

The local welcome is being organized by social activist Diane Nakamura of Central Interior Native Health, with help from the Phoenix and AWAC women's shelters, and the Native Friendship Centre where a dinner will be held tonight at 6 p.m. for the walkers.

“You do not forget about these women; you have to keep that in people's face,” said Nakamura. “Government has totally dropped the ball.”

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“We offer education mostly. Knowledge is power. The more they know about it, the better they do.”

Sunday was the sixth or seventh time Biron had participated in the MS walk. He considers the annual event an important one — not just for fundraising, but for the fellow-

ship it offers.

“It's the peer support — getting together and meeting new people and just learning how to enjoy life,” he said.

Event co-ordinator Kathy Siddall said this year's Scotiabank MS Walk generated about \$19,000.

The top fundraiser was her hus-

band, Bruce, who reached a total of \$4,800.

Siddall, who also has MS, said the money raised will be spent in a couple of different ways.

“It goes to client services, and a percentage goes to helping find a cure for MS — that's what the whole walk is about,” she said. “A

percentage of (the money) goes to a research group in Vancouver but the majority of it stays here.”

The Scotiabank MS Walk was hosted by the Prince George Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

MS is an inflammatory disease that attacks and destroys the

myelin sheath that covers nerves. The loss of the myelin sheath causes messages from the brain to the rest of the body to short-circuit. MS can cause loss of balance, impaired speech, extreme fatigue, double vision and paralysis.

The disease has no known cause and, currently, no cure.



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Today
Sunny with cloudy periods developing in the afternoon. Winds light. High 21, Low 9.



Tomorrow
Sunny. High 22, Low 9.



Wednesday
Mainly sunny. High 24, Low 9.



Thursday
Sunny. High 26, Low 12.

Skies
Sunrise: 4:40 a.m.
Sunset: 9:39 p.m.
Moonrise: 11:07 p.m.
Moonset: 4:53 a.m.




Today's UV index:
2 (Normal 20)
Low: 9 (Normal 5.7)
Mean: 15 (Normal 12.9)
Record high: 30/1969
Record low: -0.6/1950
Precipitation record: 9.9/1963

Yesterday (24hrs. ending at 4 p.m.)
High: 21.5
Low: 4.8
Precipitation (mm): 0
Month to date (mm): 0
snowfall reported as water equivalent



Today's weather picture provided by Logan, a student at Hart Highlands.

Canada	today	The World	tomorrow		
Barf	rain/snow	9/1	Acapulco	p. cloudy	35/26
Calgary	p. sunny	11/2	Amsterdam	rain	20/11
Charlottetown	p. cloudy	16/7	Athens	sunny	35/23
Edmonton	p. cloudy	14/4	Bangkok	tslorms	32/28
Fredericton	m. sunny	20/7	Bangladesh	p. cloudy	41/29
Grande Prairie	sunny	17/6	Beijing	p. sunny	28/22
Halifax	m. sunny	21/8	Beirut	sunny	28/23
Iskaiut	p. cloudy	3/0	Belgrade	sunny	29/18
Jasper	p. cloudy	15/2	Berlin	cloudy	20/10
Kamloops	sunny	25/11	Brussels	rain	20/12
Moncton	p. cloudy	19/7	Bucharest	p. cloudy	29/15
Montreal	p. cloudy	20/11	Budapest	p. cloudy	28/16
Niagara Falls	tslorms	17/14	Buenos Aires	p. cloudy	13/7
North Bay	p. cloudy	16/10	Cairo	sunny	36/25
Ottawa	p. cloudy	19/12	Cancun	tslorms	30/26
Quebec City	sunny	21/9	Cape Town	sunny	18/11
Red Deer	p. cloudy	12/2	Caracas	showers	28/26
Regina	rain	8/4	Copenhagen	cloudy	17/3
Saint John	m. sunny	20/7	Dan. Republic	tslorms	27/24
St. John's	showers	11/5	Dublin	cloudy	16/9
Thunder Bay	showers	14/4	Edinburgh	p. cloudy	15/8
Toronto	p. cloudy	12/7	Geneva	showers	21/16
Vancouver	tslorms	15/12	Ho Chi Minh	tslorms	33/26
Victoria	p. cloudy	19/14	Honduras	tslorms	28/20
Whitehorse	p. cloudy	24/11	Hong Kong	tslorms	31/27
Winnipeg	rain	15/9	Isanbul	sunny	23/18
Yellowknife	p. cloudy	15/8	Jerusalem	sunny	30/15
			Karachi	sunny	41/29
			Kingdon	tslorms	30/25
			Kyiv	p. sunny	27/16
			London	rain	16/15
			Madrid	p. cloudy	23/9
			Manila	tslorms	27/24
			Melbourne	showers	9/6
			Mexico City	sunny	25/10
			Moscow	p. cloudy	25/14
			Mumbai	p. cloudy	23/6
			Munich	tslorms	34/31
			Naples	p. cloudy	28/16
			New Delhi	sunny	39/24
			Nice	cloudy	19/19
			Paris	rain	19/15
			Puerto Vallarta	p. cloudy	37/26
			Rio de Janeiro	p. cloudy	25/21
			Rome	cloudy	27/16
			Santiago	p. cloudy	21/2
			Saudi	rain	29/19
			Singapore	tslorms	32/27
			Sofia	p. cloudy	29/18
			Sri Lanka	tslorms	31/24
			Stockholm	p. cloudy	17/4
			Sydney	sunny	16/12
			Taipei	p. cloudy	30/26
			Tel Aviv	sunny	33/21
			Tokyo	p. sunny	22/20
			Vienna	p. cloudy	28/17
			Warsaw	rain	15/10
			Zagreb	cloudy	28/14



Map showing weather conditions across the province of British Columbia. Locations marked include Burns Lake (showers 15/8), Dawson Creek (sunny 18/4), Prince Rupert (cloudy 15/9), Prince George (p. cloudy 21/9), Quenest (m. sunny 22/6), Williams Lake (m. sunny 21/8), Port Moody (p. cloudy 16/11), Kamloops (sunny 25/11), Portland (showers 23/14), Comox (showers 23/14), Victoria (p. cloudy 18/14), and Vancouver (p. cloudy 18/14).

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ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST

By Jeraldine Saunders

Monday, June 8, 2009

BIRTHDAY GUY: Actor and comedian Jerry Stiller, father of actor Ben Stiller, was born in New York on this day in 1927. This birthday guy is probably best recognized for portraying Arthur on the TV sitcom “The King of Queens” and for playing Frank Costanza in a recurring role on “Seinfeld.” He began his career in the 1960s as half of the comedy duo Stiller and Meara where he paired with his wife Anne Meara. His film credits include “The Heartbreak Kid,” “Zoolander” and “Airport 75.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Actions speak so much louder than words. You can let physical activity perform its magic to banish worries or doubts.

There may be a mix-up with any agreement or commitment that you begin now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may imagine that mental harmony with a certain someone exists, but the reality may not match your hopes. Your best bet is to pursue physical occupations or share a short trip with your mate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go beachcombing. Something from the past might wash up on shore. You will never find a message in a bottle unless you take the time to walk on the sand and explore your options along with the seascape.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Just because you are a whiz kid at work doesn't mean you will receive the same appreciation at home. Don't try to persuade a significant other to make a change or decision that could affect your future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fun and games

aren't what they used to be. You may find that it takes a lot of work and preparation to pack up a picnic lunch or get people together for a friendly game of cards. Pay now and play later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can't play hide and seek with the difficulties that pop into view today. You can conquer any problem if you can meet it head on and look it in the eye. Deal with issues before they get out of control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have to weigh whether an offer is meant as an incentive or bribery. Don't let a desire for security make you timid when tough tactics are necessary. Changes of attitude won't cancel out obligations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money isn't everything. So many hands are out that you might feel like an ATM machine. It is important to remember that you are being judged by your generosity as well as for your efforts today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bring your charm to bear. You may notice that certain factions are becoming more concerned with partisanship than with the issues. You might be able to intervene and save the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Step away from the fray. Remain objective when dealing with social issues. While you might take exception with someone's policies or actions remember that you don't have to condemn the person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This might be a good time to spend with family or trusted friends. There is a hint of romantic yearning nagging at you behind the scenes but you really shouldn't start a fling under these stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you shadow box, your opponent may win. Vague fears or worries should be shoved out of sight. If you make a change, a commitment, or tweak a

business matter it could cause unexpected distress.

IF JUNE 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be blessed by plenty of chances for success in the year ahead and a permanent improvement in some sector of your life. Between now and the third week of July, however, you must keep your nose to the grindstone, be scrupulous about meeting obligations and avoid starting anything of major importance because the stars are currently stacked against you. Launch your most crucial plans in September, when you will have heavenly protection, very good counsel and the best judgment to help you make a success of anything you begin.

Although you may be on track for success with career and business, anyone you meet that month may be very good for you and help you improve your overall life path.

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