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ASSAULT

Swarm savages woman

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A Prince George woman was sent to hospital after being beaten by a violent group of female robbers.

The 35-year-old victim was jumped on Tuesday night at about 11:30 as she walked alone on Redwood Street not far from 20th Avenue.

"She was attacked by a group of four to five females," said Prince George RCMP spokeswoman Const. Lesley Smith.

"The victim heard the suspects running on the pavement when she was suddenly jumped on and assaulted.

The suspects kicked and punched the victim on the ground and stole an undisclosed amount of money from her pocket.

"The assault left the female in hospital with injuries to her face, head and ribs."

The victim did not know who the attackers were.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Prince George RCMP at (250) 561-3300 or anonymously contact Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 222-TIPS (8477), online at www.pgcrimestoppers.bc.ca, or Text-A-Tip to CRIMES using keyword "pgtips".



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TRAILBLAZING — Work on the Boundary Road project continues as crews from WIC laboured along Boeing Road Thursday afternoon. For more on the progress of the project, turn to page 4.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Miworth parents want bus back

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A group of parents in Miworth is urging the school district to revive courtesy busing between the community and Heritage elementary school.

Eleven students from seven families are currently being driven to Heritage after the school district ended the service starting this

month under its policy for families who choose to send their children to out-of-catchment schools.

Miworth is in the catchment area for Quinson elementary school, but just three students are taking the regular bus to that school.

For the three previous years, elementary-age students in Miworth had been given the option of joining the high school-age students on the bus to D.P. Todd secondary

school, where a teaching assistant would gather them for a short walk to Heritage, located next door.

Because D.P. Todd's day ended later, they were picked up by a different bus in the afternoon that also serviced Quinson for the trip back home. But now that possibility is no longer in place.

"My boy started there in Grade 4, now he's in Grade 7, so I guess my only option, if I wanted him bused,

would be to take him out after going to Heritage for three years to put him in Quinson for one year," said parent Tim Melanson.

The school district had intended to withdraw the service last September but agreed to keep it in place for the 2010-11 school year after parents contended they were not given enough notice.

However, parents said they backed away from pursuing the

matter after a school district official told them during a meeting in June that an after-school service would remain in place.

"We had won half the battle," Melanson said. "A lot of people go to work in the morning so maybe getting to school isn't as tricky but picking up after school is kind of tricky for anybody that works."

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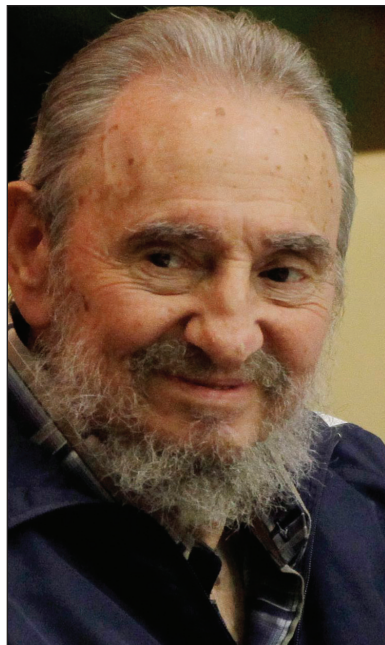
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