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Beating the leaves

Rebagliati and snowboarding, although he might have done more to promote recreational cannabis use than his sport.

So far the kayakers have really opened my eyes at the current Games (besides women's beach volleyball). First, the Aussies transform a Sydney beach into a rushing river worthy of the Rockies. Impressive.

But nothing like the kayakers, who use their bulging upper bodies to manipulate their craft like I twirl a toothbrush. It's even one of those rare sports featuring a Canadian world champion.

Sure, the Olympic ideal has been badly tarnished by recent scandals. The corruption, greed and nationalistic overkill seem to be concentrated among officials rather than athletes, though. Even accounting for creeping commercialism among Olympic athletes, for the most part they're worlds away from the ugly excesses of North American pro athletes.

Contrast the banal, carefully rehearsed post-game responses of the pros ("We gave 100 percent. It was a total team effort.") to the candour of many Olympic athletes.

Canadian swimmer Marianne Limpert missed a bronze medal by something like a 10th of a second as she set Canadian and Commonwealth records. "I said I'd be happy with a personal best (time)," she stated after the race. "But I lied. I wanted a medal."

Fair enough. Still, she had the luxury of being able to keep her head up after finishing fourth.

Mats Sundin, for example, bears the weight of every Maple Leaf fan's hopes. Imagine the mixed feelings of knowing your entire country expects you to win every race you enter.

That's the pressure on 17-year-old Aussie swimmer Ian Thorpe. The Thorpedo, as he's known to legions of rabid Down Under fans, finished second in a race his countrymen figured was in the bag.

While it must be exhilarating to have your whole nation behind you, the aftermath of unfulfilled expectations could wreck a psyche. I hope the Thorpedo bounces back for his sake, but not if he's swimming against a Canadian, of course.

I'll probably miss his races on the telly. While the Olympians and their fans enjoy the Sydney summer sun, the leaves await us in our backyards. You won't win any medals for doing it, but it still beats facing them in the spring.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Krause helps underdogs

Each year the Prince George Foundation oversees the naming of this city's Citizen Of The Year.

The fifth nominee is Murry Krause. Murry's reputation for social activism

covers every sector of society. From the gutters to the gilded seats of power, everyone knows Murry for his selfless endeavours. From youth hostels to handicapped-accessible vehicles to literacy issues to homeless shelters to hospice to AIDS to the Community Foundation. His name is spread throughout the community, and often with the words "founder" or "chair" close by. He is someone who has been there for this community.

Some of the comments from Murry's nomination team include:

"...he embraces a broad range of issues and areas in an integrated whole that sees cultural well-being, economic health and social justice as inextricably linked."



Krause

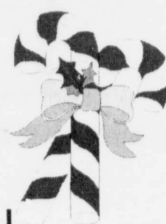
"...a man who exemplifies what it means to be a good citizen...he genuinely cares about the lives of those who struggle and live without regular employment or permanent shelter."

"Murry has selflessly dedicated his life in Prince George to helping underprivileged people whether young or old..."

"I have come to the conclusion that Murry holds a clear vision of a civil society where social justice and equality are the standard, and he lives and works for it...every day of his life."

"He is a man of vision and dedication. He has a strong view that the world, and in particular the local community, can be a better place."

The Citizen Of The Year Banquet will be held October 20 at the Coast Inn of the North. Tickets are available at the Inn's front desk. Tables may be reserved by calling 614-7849.



Sacred Heart Craft Fair

Sat. & Sun.
Nov. 4 & 5
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP
From the Churches of Prince George10 YEARS
OF SERVING
CHRIST IN THE CITY

The date was June 10, 1990. The occasion was a simple gathering of a few Christians in a rented facility to meet in public and hear the preaching of the Word of God. Our minister, (Rev. Jonathan Thomas), spoke of the Lord's leading in the establishing of a unique, yet solidly biblical, Christian witness in the city of Prince George. A witness that would be:

Fundamental in Doctrine - we believe the Bible is God's final revelation of inspired truth, and is the supreme authority of faith and all Christian practice.

Protestant in conviction - we are not ashamed to stand alongside the great Christian leaders of the Protestant Reformation and the doctrines they lived and died for.

Separatist in Practice - God calls His people to separate from apostasy and spiritual darkness (II Cor.6:14-18). We have no association with either the Ecumenical or Charismatic movements that have betrayed the true, historic Christian faith. It is for that very reason we are not part of the Prince George Ministerial Association.

Evangelical in Outreach - This church takes Christ's Great Commission very seriously as a command to be obeyed. In a variety of ways, we have been bringing the gospel message to many hundreds of people in this

city and the surrounding areas.

Mr. Thomas preached that first Sunday from Isaiah chapter 54. Focussing on the final verse of that chapter, he emphasized the great "heritage of the servants of the Lord." The message struck a cord and has been a recurring theme of the ministry of our church. Over the weeks, months and years that followed, individuals and families have come and found a blessing in a Church where the worship service is a Christ-centered and gospel preaching is the central act of the worship of God.

This October, Heritage Free Presbyterian Church marks its 10th Anniversary in an official manner. Anniversaries are a wonderful way to remember wonderful things. The anniversary of a Church is no different. We at Heritage Free Presbyterian Church rejoice at the goodness of God in the way He has led us; given us a building to worship in, and built up a lively and thriving gospel witness in the city.

There will be ministers and other visitors from around North America, coming to Prince George to share in the blessing of this time. Your friends at H.F.P.C. invite you to come and take in any or all of the special services we have planned over the next two weekends. (please see our ad on this page).

Join us for our Lord's Day Services
Sunday School 10:00 am • Morning Worship 11:00 am • Evening Service 6:30

Heritage Free Presbyterian Church

4020 Balsum Road, Prince George

Questions or comments? Call us at 962-8232

GATEWAY CHRISTIAN
MINISTRIES

If you cannot attend Sunday Service, you are welcome to attend

Saturday Night 7:00 - 8:30
2055 - 20th Avenue
Come Celebrate Jesus

Rides are available for Sunday Service. Please call the church office 563-1003 before Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning - 10:00 - 12:00

for all ages, nursery available
"Sowing, Growing, Going"

Youth Emphasis
Sun / Sept. 24

GUEST SPEAKERS

MARK GORDON - CALGARY

DARREN JONES - KAMLOOPS

WORSHIP FEATURE - KEN REID - CALGARY

HERITAGE

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10th Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to attend our

Special Gospel Meetings

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Wagner (Orlando, Florida)

Sept. 29th (Friday) 7:30 pm
Sept. 30th (Saturday) 7:30 pm
Oct. 1 (Lord's Day Services)
Morning Service 11:00am
Evening Service 6:30pm

Note: Special Speaker

(Adult Bible Class) on Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 10:00

Rev. Reggie Kimbro (Winston-Salem, North Carolina).

Next Week

Rev. David Mook - (Phoenix, Arizona), Moderator of the Free Presbyterian

Church of North America will be preaching at all our services and recognizing ten years of ministry of the church in Prince George

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