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TREVOR CRAWLEY PHOTO

Mike Bergren, Kootenay Ice goaltending coach, is flanked by veteran netminder Mackenzie Skapski (left) and prospect Declan Hobbs at Kootenay Ice training camp this weekend. A much anticipated Kootenay season is upon us, and the club's veterans, prospects, invitees, coaching and scouting staff all got a good look at each other. Pre-season begins this coming weekend. See more, Page 7

Lieut. Governor to visit Cranbrook as part of EK tour

BARRY COULTER

The Queen's representative in British Columbia is making a tour of the East Kootenay, and Cranbrook is one of the stops along her itinerary.

The Honorable Judith Guichon — 29th and current Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia — will make an official visit to the City of Cranbrook on Thursday, Sept. 5. During her visit to Cranbrook, Her Honour will be making several stops, including Laurie Middle School, Joseph Creek Care Village and the Cranbrook Royal Canadian Legion.

"I very much appreciate the Lieutenant Governor accepting our invitation to visit Cranbrook and the East Kootenay," said Mayor Wayne Stetski. "It's a real honour to share our city with her and to provide her with the opportunity to meet a few of our wonderful citizens."

Guichon's tour begins Sept. 3, with visits to Radium Hot Springs, Invermere, Fairmont Hot Springs, Canal Flats.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, she is in Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie. On Thursday, her busy schedule lands her in Kimberley and Cranbrook. Thursday afternoon in Cranbrook, Guichon will address the Laurie students at a school assembly, have tea with the Joseph Creek



The Hon. Judith Guichon, Lieut. Governor of B.C.

residents, and meet with members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 24, Cranbrook.

On Friday, the Lt. Governor will take part in the Clear Sky Grassland Reclamation Plot and Food Forest Tour and visit Ft. Steele Heritage Town. Back in Cranbrook, she will present six youth with the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award at a ceremony at the Royal Alexandra Hall (See related story, Page 2).

Guichon was appointed Lieut. Governor by Prime Minister Stephen Harper on October 1, 2012, to succeed Steven Point. She was sworn in on November 2, 2012.

The Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. is the viceregal representative of Queen Elizabeth II, and is tasked with carrying out most of the monarch's constitutional and ceremonial duties.

The ball's in your court, Cranbrook

Local tennis enthusiasts launching new club with a focus on fun

BARRY COULTER

Cranbrook, the ball is in your court, so to speak.

A group of local tennis enthusiasts are working to revive a Cranbrook club devoted to the learning, playing and enjoyment of tennis.

Neil Murphy and Jane Facey say the time is espe-

cially right with the completion of the new courts down by Mt. Baker Secondary School on 2nd Street North. Cranbrook is now home to three nice tennis facilities, and Facey and Murphy want to see the sport grow in town.

"This year all we want is to find people who want to

come out, play tennis and have fun," Facey said.

"There will be no club fees this year — all you need is enthusiasm. The main focus is fun. The main focus is meeting people.

"We want families to come out, students, seniors, people who've played in the past and want to get

back into it."

Facey said that for inexperienced or beginner players, the more experienced members of the club are there to give them a hand, to help them with the basics, and help get them playing right away.

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LOCAL NEWS

UNITED WAY OF CRANBROOK AND KIMBERLEY

Free parking just part of the celebration next week

ARNE PETRYSHEN
Townsmen staff

The United Way of Cranbrook and Kimberley is preparing for one of its biggest events of the year - the Park On-Us Campaign. The event is Friday, Sept. 13, in Cranbrook's downtown core.

Donna Brady Fields, executive director at the local United Way, said the goal this year is to raise \$7,500.

The event will go from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features free parking in the downtown. Finding the free parking shouldn't be a problem, as businesses and organizers have jumped at the opportunity to

sponsor the use of a parking meter for the day for \$25 resulting in many meters covered.

"Our goal this year for selling meters was 300 and we are well over that total," said Brady Fields. "I think we're probably going to reach close to 350 this year, and that's thanks to all of the businesses in the community. We had one of our local businesses purchase 40 meters this year - BA Blacktop."

Brady Fields said last year the total sold was around 225.

"We've done extremely well this year. It takes a lot of work. This is one of our most work

intensive events we have, but it's an event that really reaps a lot of benefits," she said. One benefit is being able to go around and talk to a lot of the businesses.

"We can talk about setting up workplace campaigns for them, employees and other community engagement things," she said. "A lot of things come out of this. It's very work intensive. But it's really worth it."

The donations for the campaign go towards local United Way campaign investments for next year.

"All of the money that we raise this year is money we have to in-



vest in the community next year," she said. "We are mandated by the government to only retain a maximum of 20 per cent - our United Way tries to keep it around 15 per cent of that, for operations and for running the campaign."

The rest of that money goes back into the community.

Brady Fields said

that youth and children are a big priority, from Bellies to Babies to Big Brothers Big Sisters, P.A.R.T.Y. program to the Boys & Girls Club.

The local United Way also funds some recreational activities for two senior facilities in Cranbrook, two facil-

ities in Kimberley and the Hospice Societies in Cranbrook/Kimberley and the Columbia Valley.

"This year, they are adding a silent auction to the event," she said.

There will be morning coffee set up for people, and then at

11:30 a.m. the barbecue starts up as well as the silent auction.

"We have over \$5,000 retail value in items for the auction, so it's going to be great," she said.

That runs until about 4 p.m., with free parking running right up to 5 p.m.

Six Kootenay youth to get Duke of Edinburgh award from Lieutenant Governor

SUBMITTED

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award will celebrate six recipients from Fernie, Sparwood and Cranbrook this week.

An award ceremony will be held Friday, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Royal Alexandra Hall in Cranbrook. The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia will be presenting the awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award encourages anyone between the ages of 14 and 24 to participate in an international award. It gives youth the opportunity to get more involved in their community, to make new friends, to

get physically fit and to discover an activity that excites and inspires them as well as participate in an adventurous journey that they will remember for a lifetime. They learn to set goals and achieve results in a fun and challenging and non-competitive way and then get recognized for their achievements.

"We are so pleased to have Kyra Robin von Matt from Sparwood, Hannah and Jodi Thomson, Olivia Roberts, Emma Roberts from Fernie, Ashley Wood from Cranbrook receive their Award in their community with friends and family there to celebrate their efforts," said Umeeda Switlo, executive director of the Duke Of Edinburgh's Award BC Yukon Division.

"We encourage community members to become leaders or

mentors and support youth in their journey. Lea Thompson from Fernie led the Elk Valley girls towards their Bronze Award. We can't thank her enough. The reports that the girls produced were exemplary,

"We are excited to have Teck sponsor our work in the Kootenay region which enables local youth to enroll in the program at no cost. We welcome the youth in the Kootenays to the award and hope they will take the opportunity to participate in an internationally recognized Award that also allows them to get high school credits."

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award invites adults and youth who are interested to attend the ceremony in Cranbrook and learn about how we can all work together with our youth in Making a Difference.

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Wine and cheese to follow.
All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome.

NEW NON-FICTION
Sept 3, 2013

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LOCAL NEWS

Tennis club seeking members to help grow sport in Cranbrook

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"Two people from South Korea came out, and they didn't know anything about (how to play tennis)," Facey said. "I spent half an hour with them, and they got so they could play themselves a game."

Neil Murphy has been playing tennis for 60 years.

"We can show them how to hit, how to return a volley, and once they get the hang of it they stick around," he said. "It's especially good for seniors — good for health."

The rules and scoring can be a bit challenging and complex at first, Murphy said. But despite tennis's reputation as a difficult game to learn, it's actually

quite easy to get playing right off the bat.

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Neil Murphy

"Just rallying back and forth would be easy to get the hang of," he said. "Playing in four-somes also makes it easier."

The new tennis club will be down at the Cranbrook Curling Club on Wednesday, Sept. 4,

for Fall Community Registration evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Some 30 to 40 clubs and community groups will have tables and booths set up to show what they have to offer the people of Cranbrook and to take registration. The tennis club will be among them, so anyone interested can get more information there.

The following Saturday, September 7, the club will be hosting an open house down at the new Mt. Baker courts, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Water, snacks, some racquets, and balls will be provided.

"Once we get more members, we can give clinics," Facey said. A members' playing schedule will also be set

up, matching players with others of their playing level — beginner with beginner, intermediate with intermediate, and so on.

Murphy is also looking ahead to when an Cranbrook players can meet up against tennis players from other towns.

"Creston, Kimberley and Fernie have active clubs," Murphy said. "We could take part in regional tournaments."

For more information, check out the new Cranbrook tennis club at Community Registration Evening, Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the Cranbrook Curling Club, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Or call Jane Facey, Director of New Membership, 250-426-7540.



CAROLYN GRANT PHOTO

It's not something you see every day in the Platzl in Kimberley — a form of musical expression called vertical dance. Trina Rasmusen of Kimberley performed two shows off the side of the Spirit Rock Climbing Centre this weekend and drew large crowds to watch her unique act.

THE CITY OF CRANBROOK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Cranbrook is considering adopting "City of Cranbrook Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3775, 2013".

The purpose of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment is to add "Recreational Vehicle service, sales and rental" uses to the C-2 - Highway Commercial Zone of the "City of Cranbrook Zoning Bylaw No. 3737, 2012".

"City of Cranbrook Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3775, 2013" may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, up until September 9th, 2013, as posted on the bulletin board in the foyer at City Hall, or in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

The Public Hearing will commence in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 40 - 10 Avenue South at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2013.

All persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaw Amendment may submit written presentations to the City of Cranbrook prior to the date of the Hearing and they may also submit written and/or verbal presentations at the Hearing, thereby allowing all persons an opportunity to be heard on this matter.

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A SUMMER DAY IN THE LIFE OF KIMBERLEY



7:15 a.m. Getting ready for the day. Baking bread at Kimberley City Bakery.



KATY BROWN PHOTO

6:50 a.m. Early tee off at Bootleg Gap.



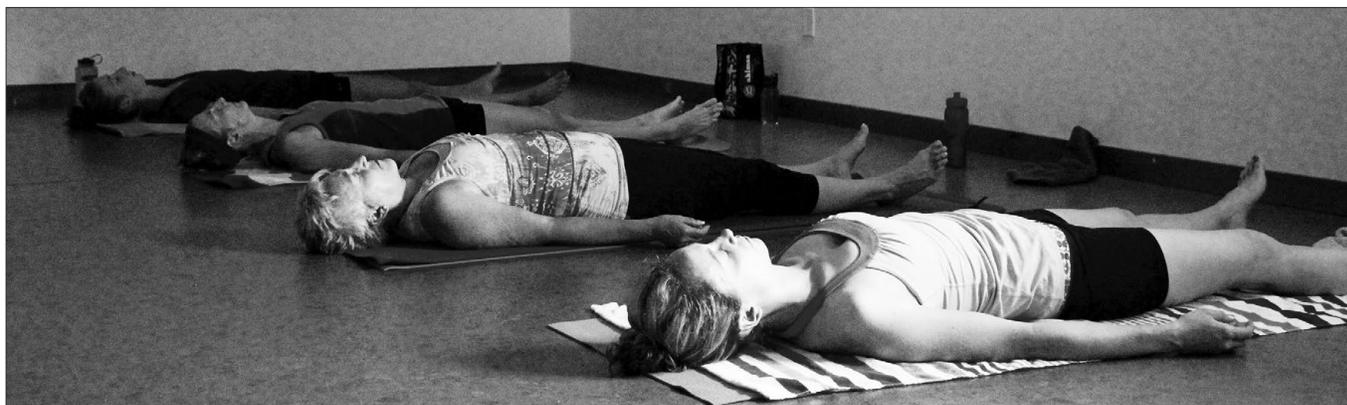
8:21 a.m. Platzl business owners put out the sandwich boards.



7:30 a.m. Picking up the latest news with the morning coffee.



Above, 8:55 a.m. Morning deadheading in the garden.



Left, 8:46 a.m. Yoga enthusiasts start their day in the resting position as Shavasana.

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B.C. pulls plug on power projects

TOM FLETCHER
Black Press

VICTORIA - BC Hydro has cancelled or deferred four electricity purchase contracts with independent power producers, and the total may reach 20 by the time a review of projects is complete, Energy Minister Bill Bennett said Thursday.

Bennett said the review is part of a broader effort by BC Hydro to meet his instruction to "spend less money," as he leads an effort to reduce costs across all government operations.

BC Hydro proposed the move, identifying the 20 project proponents that were not meeting their contract obligations due to financing, regulatory or other problems. That non-performance gives BC Hydro legal authority to delay or terminate contracts.

The utility has contracts with 81 operating projects, mostly run-off-river hydroelectric, and



TOM FLETCHER/BLACK PRESS

Wind turbine components await construction at independent power project near Chetwynd in 2008. High construction costs stalled B.C.'s first commercial wind energy project, which was later completed by a new investor.

another 47 are under construction or seeking permits after receiving purchase contracts.

BC Hydro released its latest draft resource plan last week, which estimates the province has enough electricity supply to meet growing

demand for the next 10 years. Bennett said he is skeptical about that forecast, with population growth and industrial demand from new mines and natural gas development in northern B.C., but it gives the utility some breathing

room.

"I'm a real fan of the clean energy industry, but obviously we don't want to be agreeing to buy more power than what we need," Bennett said.

BC Hydro has been criticized in recent

years for running up billions in deferred debt, as it completes major expansion and seismic upgrading of its network of dams. A new power line to northeast B.C. has run over budget, and the NDP opposition has accused the government of forcing BC Hydro to buy private power at inflated rates through contracts running as long as 40 years.

Bennett said he has asked for a detailed analysis of the cost of private power compared to new sources such as the proposed Site C dam on the Peace River or adding turbines to BC Hydro dams on the Columbia River.

B.C.'s Clean Energy Act requires BC Hydro to be self-sufficient in electricity by 2016, based on an average rainfall year to replenish its hydro dams. The requirement is to minimize the import of power generated by burning coal or natural gas.

What's Up?

KIMBERLEY AND CRANBROOK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING
6th Annual Community Registration - Wednesday, September 4 at the Cranbrook Curling Centre. 6-8 pm. Come and see what Cranbrook has to offer for active living, hobbies, sports and leisure! Free admission, everyone welcome! To register a table call Leisure Services at 250-489-0220.

2013 FREE PUBLIC SWIM Wednesday, September 4, 5:00-6:00 PM is sponsored by Chalet GM.

Art Workshop with Helen Gidman - September 7th - 8th, 10-2pm both days. CDAC Workshop Space, 135 10th Avenue South, Cranbrook. Bored of painting on canvas and paper? Then try experimenting with Procion dyes on cotton! \$120 plus supply cost, pre-registration required. Helen 250-426-4223 / cdac@shaw.ca

Biking in the Nature Park - Saturday, September 7, Meet at the Platzl visitor centre at 10 am for this ride on some of the roads and trails through the KNP. Join leader Peter McConnachie - 427-2419

We Are Stronger When We Stand Together Conference, Sept 7/13 at Manual Training School, Cbk Library. Doors open: 9:30 a.m. Freedom Tour showing 10:00 a.m. Work shops 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Lunch provided. Door prizes. RSVP 250-581-0158, 250-489-3901.

Introduction to Pottery with Sonya Rokosh - Wednesday evenings for eight weeks, starting September 11th - October 30th, 6-8pm each Wednesday. CDAC Workshop Space, 135 10th Avenue South, Cranbrook. A great course for budding potters, you will complete up to six specific hand-building projects from pinch pots to bid/horns and beyond. Pre-registration required. 250-426-4223 / cdac@shaw.ca

The East Kootenay Railway Pensioners Association will be having a Social Luncheon at 12:30 pm on Tuesday Sept 17th, at the Arthur's Sports Bar & Grill (Days Inn), 600 Cranbrook St N, Cranbrook BC. All Railway Retirees and Spouses are welcome. RSVP by Sept. 13th. Info: Secretary Frances Allen at 250-426-2720, Bill Belding at 250-426-5006

Kimberley Nature Park Hike - Myrtle the Magnificent - Sunday, Sept. 15, Meet at 10 am at the Nordic Centre trail parking lot for a hike up Myrtle Mountain. Bring snacks / lunch and water for this hike. Join leader Suzanne McAllister - 427-7043

ONGOING

Community Acupuncture. By donation - Each Tuesday 4-6 pm, Roots to Health Naturopathic Clinic, Kimberley Health Centre - Lower Level, 260 4th Ave. 778-481-5008. Please visit: www.roots-to-health.com for more info.

Help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cranbrook: One way you can help is by donating to our "Blue Bin" located outside the left of Wal-Mart by the propane tanks. This bin is there for any clothing items or soft items you have laying around in your house. For more information please call (250) 489-3111 or email us at bigcran@bigbrothersbigisters.ca

To Saturday, August 31-ARTS ON THE EDGE 2013 EXHIBITION. Over 80 artworks in a variety of mediums by artists from the Kootenays and as far away as Calgary. The gallery is open from 1 to 5 pm. Tuesday through Saturdays.

TENNIS ANYONE? Cranbrook Community Tennis Club is opening for the season at new Mount Baker High Courts. No Fees, No Dues, Just Tennis! 6:30-8:30pm, Wed & Sun nights. Info: Bev 250-421-7736 or Neil 250-489-8107.

Cranbrook Branch of the Stroke Recovery Association of BC. Meetings are from 10:00am-1:00pm the 2nd and 4th Wed. in the lower level of the Senior Citizen's Hall, 125-17th St. S. Bring bag lunch. Tootie Griepich, 426-3994.

The GoGo Galleries meet the last Monday of each month at 7:00 at The College in the Rockies. Join us as we raise awareness & funds for Grandmothers raising their Grandchildren in countries devastated by Aids. Norma at 250-426-6111.

The Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society seeks volunteers to help us provide services to persons at the end of life and their families. Training is provided. Call 250-417-2019, Toll Free 1-855-417-2019 if interested.

Play and Learn Parenting/Literacy Program - 8 week registered program for parents with preschool children with a facilitated play and activity component for children. Kimberley Early Learning Centre, Kim 250-427-4468.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 24; Friday Meat Draw: 4:30- 6:30, Saturday Meat Draw: 3:30-5:30.

Cranbrook's Bibles for Missions Thrift Store thanks you for your support. 824 Kootenay St. N. Open 10-5, Tues-Sat. A great place to save or volunteer.

Mark Creek Lions "Meet and Greet" the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, from 6:00-6:30 pm. Dinner to follow at Western Lodge. FMI: 250-427-5612 or 427-7496.

Open Art Exhibition; August 3rd to August 31st, Tues-Fri: 11-5pm Saturday 10-2pm at CDAC Arttrageous Gallery, 104 135 10th Ave S Cranbrook. An opportunity for artists to showcase their works without the restrictions of a theme! Entry is FREE. Artists interested in exhibiting have until July 30th to register. Helen 250-426-4223 / cdac@shaw.ca

CRANBROOK QUILTERS' GUILD hold their meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm upstairs in the Senior's Hall, 125-17th Ave. S. Everyone welcome. Info: Betty at 250-489-1498 or June 250-426-8817.

Place your notice in your "What's Up?" Community Calendar FREE of charge. This column is intended for the use of clubs and non-profit organizations to publicize their coming events - provided the following requirements are met:

- Notices will be dropped two weeks prior to the event. • All notices must be emailed, faxed or accepted off in person. No telephone calls please.
- **NOTICES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 30 WORDS.**
- Only one notice per week from any one club or organization.
- All notices must be received by the Thursday prior to publication
- There is no guarantee of publication. Notices will run subject to space limitations.

CRANBROOK TOWNSMAN & KIMBERLEY BULLETIN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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At the Cranbrook Public Library

In 'Antarctica: A Biography,' author David Day charts centuries of mankind's efforts to first find, and then claim the inhospitable continent—including Captain Cook's failed attempts to reach it, Shackleton's race to the South Pole, and Scott's ill-fated decisions.

In "Bones Never Lie," Elizabeth McLeod demonstrates to a younger readers how modern forensics have been used to solve some of history's largest questions.

The Cranbrook Public Library will be hosting a week-end scrapbooking crop and crafting on September 27, 28 and 29, 2013—Friday evening starting at 4:30 pm and ending at 5 pm on Sunday. I am opening this up to be a crafting weekend so beading, quilting, knitting, painting and other crafts that can be done in a half table are also welcome.

Patrons are being asked to preregister by emailing me or signing up at the front desk and to pay when they register—\$50.00. The fee will include a snack Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. There will also be prizes.

Please contact Deanne at the Library for more details.



Mike Selby

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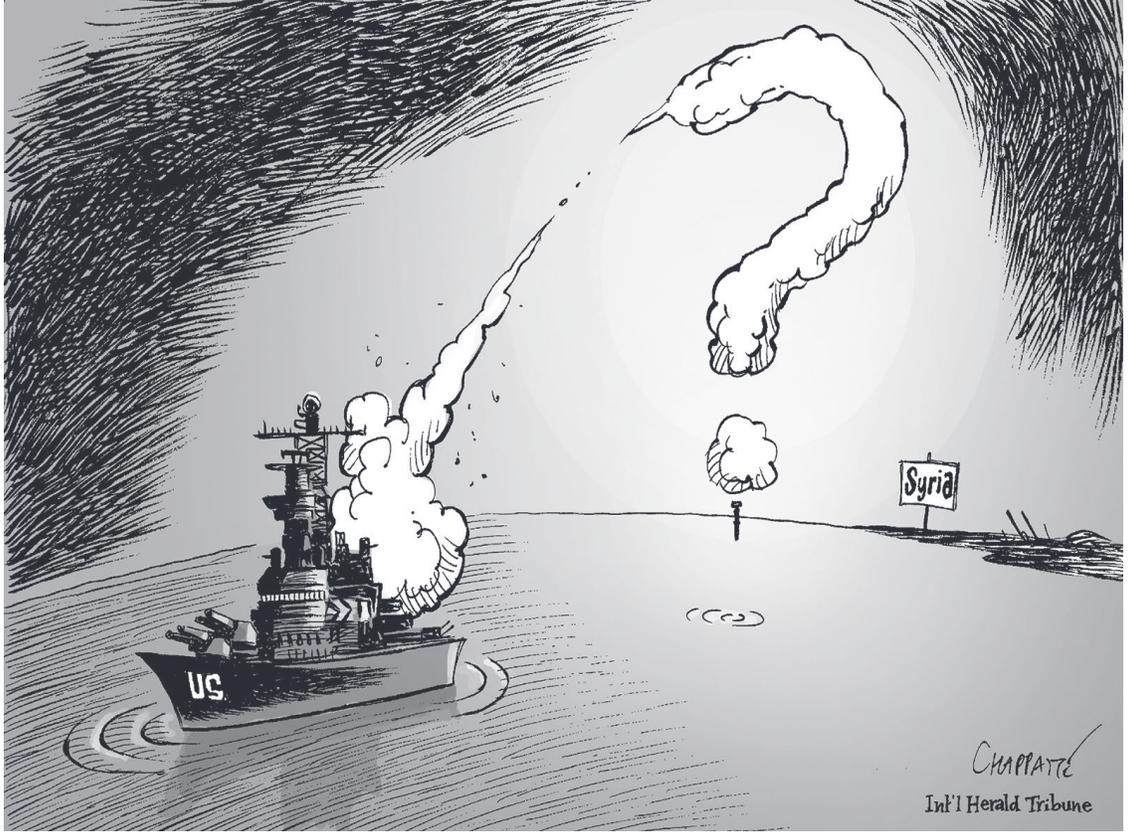
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The pretext and the real target

“Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me” – so the British parliament decided that it didn’t want to be shamed by following another prime minister into another unwinnable war on the basis, yet again, of shoddy intelligence reports. It voted 282-275 against committing British forces to the planned American attack on Syria.



Gwynne Dyer

After the vote on 29 August, Prime Minister David Cameron admitted that former prime minister Tony Blair had “poisoned the well” by leading Britain into the Iraq war in 2003 on the basis of false intelligence reports about Iraq’s non-existent “weapons of mass destruction”. That was why neither the public nor even some members of Cameron’s own party now trusted his assertions on Syrian “WMD”. “I get it,” Cameron said, and promised Britain would stay out of the coming war.

On the next day, US President Barack Obama followed the British government’s example by announcing that he would seek the approval of Congress before launching strikes on Syria. He still felt that the Syrian regime should be punished for using poison gas, he said, but it turns out that the operation is not “time-sensitive” after all. Everything can wait until the US Congress resumes sitting on 9 September.

This came as a great surprise to many people, but it shouldn’t have. Obama is probably secretly grateful to Britain for pulling out, because it has given him an excuse to postpone the attack – maybe even to cancel it, in the end. He foolishly painted himself into a corner with his tongue last year by talking about a “red

elect to be policeman of the world. That was the role George W. Bush tried to play, but American voters want no more of the wars that come with it. Obama got US troops out of Iraq, and they’ll soon be out of Afghanistan as well. He doesn’t want to end up fighting a war in Syria, and that will be hard to avoid that if he starts bombing. “Once we take action, we should be prepared for what comes next,” wrote General Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, only one month ago. “Deeper involvement is hard to avoid.”

Retired General Anthony Zinni, former US commander in the Middle East, expanded on that with brutal clarity. “The one thing we should learn is you can’t get a little bit pregnant. If you do a ‘one-and-done’ (a few days’ punitive air strikes with Tomahawk cruise missiles) and say you’re going to repeat it if unacceptable things happen, you might find these people keep doing unacceptable things. It will suck you in.”

Obama’s problem is that he has fallen into the clutches of Washington’s foreign policy establishment, which has enduring purposes and prejudices that usually overpower the particular views and wishes of passing presidents and Congresses. Consider its six-decade loathing of Cuba and its 35-year vendetta against Iran. (It hates to be successfully defied.)

This establishment has no problems with weapons of mass destruction so long as they are on its side. It has never renounced the right to initiate the use of nuclear weapons, although they are a hundred times deadlier than poison gas. It

ton’s designated enforcer in the Middle East. But it has never forgiven the Iranians for overthrowing the Shah.

Washington then switched to backing its new ally, Saddam Hussein, who used poison gas extensively in his war against Iran in 1980-88. US Air Force intelligence officers helped Saddam to plan his gas attacks on Iran’s trenches, and the Central Intelligence Agency tried to pin the blame for Saddam’s use of gas against the Kurds on Iran instead. Now Saddam is gone and Iraq is Iran’s ally (thanks to George W Bush’s invasion of Iraq in 2003). But Iran is still the main enemy, and the game goes on.

Syria is Iran’s ally, so Washington has always seen the regime in Damascus as an enemy too. Over a thousand Egyptians murdered in the streets of Cairo by the army that overthrew the elected government last month is no cause for US intervention, because Egypt is an ally. Over a thousand Syrians killed in the streets of Damascus by poison gas requires an American military response, because Bashar al-Assad’s regime is the enemy.

Assad’s regime must not be destroyed, because then al-Qaeda might inherit power in Syria. But it must be whacked quite hard, so that it dumps Assad – and with him, perhaps, the alliance with Iran. The gas is a pretext, not the real motive for the promised strikes.

Obama doubts that this will work, and rightly fears that even a “limited” American attack on Syria could end up as a full-scale war. The events in London have won him some time, and “letting Congress decide” is his best chance to escape from his dilemma. What could possibly go wrong?

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KOOTENAY ICE

Ice camp ends, players added to roster

TREVOR CRAWLEY
Sports Editor

Kootenay Ice training camp is officially over with the conclusion of the annual Black-White charity game on Sunday afternoon, with Team White skating away with a 7-3 win.

After the contest, the club sent home their young 1998-born prospects and bolstered their roster to 27 skaters.

With 18 returning veterans, the club will likely pare down to 22 players at the conclusion of the five-game exhibition season.

The remaining prospects who've survived up to now will have a chance to earn a spot through the three-game tournament hosted by the Tri-City Americans, plus a pair of games in the Crowsnest Pass against Calgary and Lehigh Valley.

Kootenay Ice head coach Ryan McGill said he was impressed with the way the veterans and prospects showcased themselves over the five-day camp.

It's now up to the remainder to earn their way onto the team, he added.

"The biggest thing is compete," McGill said. "We want them to be very competitive and we want them to play the game within their strengths, and if they do that, we'll find a spot for them on the team. To



TREVOR CRAWLEY PHOTO

Kootenay Ice veterans and prospects mingled in the annual Black-White United Way charity game on Sunday afternoon. White took the game by a score of 7-3 to wrap up the club's training camp.

put them in a position, to ask right now what we want from them during this camp, isn't fair to them. We want them to showcase themselves.

"So come this week, we'll be way more specific in roles and where we see some guys fit and what we want them to accomplish. We'll move forward in practice, do those things and then hopefully give them a good foundation for the weekend in the Tri-Cities tournament and make evaluations

| Name | Age | Hometown | Position |
|------------------|-----|-----------------|------------|
| Jayden Sittler | 17 | Red Deer, AB | Goaltender |
| Troy Murray | 15 | White City, SK | Defenceman |
| Dylan Overdyk | 16 | St. Albert, AB | Defenceman |
| Jordan Steenberg | 17 | Sylvan Lake, AB | Defenceman |
| Matthew Alfaro | 17 | Calgary, AB | Defenceman |
| Hudson Elynuik | 15 | Calgary, AB | Forward |
| Carter Sawicki | 16 | Red Deer, AB | Forward |
| Austin Wellsby | 16 | Abbotsford, BC | Forward |
| Zachary Zborosky | 16 | Regina, SK | Forward |

after that." Garnet Kazuik, Kootenay's director of scouting, said all his prospects, from the 1996-born to the '98s, came to play, and they

didn't disappoint. "Overall, from a perspective of what we were looking for from players and people moving forward, we're very pleased with where

we're at for right now," said Kazuik. This story is an abridged version. See the full story online at www.dailytownsm.com.



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Marysville product Carter Bancks remains in the system with the Calgary Flames, signing a one-year deal with the Abbotsford Heat last week.

Bancks signs one-year contract with Heat

TREVOR CRAWLEY
Sports Editor

Carter Bancks remains in the system with the Calgary Flames, signing a one-year contract last week with the Abbotsford Heat right before he gets down to business at training camp with his NHL parent club.

Bancks, who will be entering his fifth season with the team, is ready—and healthy—and wants to show the Flames he can play at the highest level after getting called up for two NHL games last year.

"I'm excited, we got camp starting on the 10th of September and I'm just going to try and show up there and have the best camp I can," said Bancks, "and then head down to Abbotsford—try to stay in Calgary as long as I can, but there's things I need to work on and I know I need to be in the American league and work on parts of my game and try to become

an impact player down there."

After receiving a qualifying offer early in the summer, Bancks is happy to have re-signed to stay with an organization that is familiar to him.

"It's definitely a good comfort level heading there. You're not walking on eggshells, you know guys a little bit and I feel it makes it a little bit easier to play," said Bancks. "You're not stressed about who your linemates are, you just go out and play good hockey and I'm really looking forward to camp and Calgary's camp is going to be really hard this year."

"[Flames head coach] Hartley's mentioned that it's going to be really high-paced and a lot of hard work and I like the sounds of that—that fits me well, so I'm looking forward to it."

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Nitros get down to business at camp

TREVOR CRAWLEY
Sports Editor

It was family time at the rink as the Nitros watched the Nitros from above, with head coach Jerry Bancks and his son, Carter assessing the talent during training camp this weekend in Kimberley.

Roughly 40 skaters recruited by general manager Rick Allen, including returning veterans, hit the ice for a chance to impress a new coaching staff through practices and scrimmages at the Civic Centre.

kids that are working hard," said Bancks. "A lot of local kids are showing really well and there's been some nice surprises. I think Rick [Allen] has done a good job of bringing in some kids from Alberta and up north, way up north in the Yukon, so it's nice."

"It seems like a really nice group of kids, which is really important."

Divided up into two teams, the coaching staff ran three practices for each group and watched three intrasquad games over the three-day camp.

While scrimmages are always a good way of

practices shouldn't be taken lightly, said Bancks.

"You'll learn a lot about a player in a practice and if you're going to play for me—they've got to be a good practice player," said Bancks. "We're all here trying to get better and we all want to get better everyday and that comes through practice so it's good to have that mix of game-practice-game-practice, and with a small camp, I guarantee at the end of this weekend, we'll be able to give them a good exit meeting and tell them exactly

what they need to work on."

what they need to work on."

Tyson Klingspohn, a 17-year-old returning veteran, is hoping to remain on the scoresheet this season, potting 14 goals and 10 assists in his rookie year with the club last year.

Having a year under his belt makes his training camp experience more comfortable.

"Even coming back to the spring camp, it was way more comfortable that the first year here," Klingspohn said.

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COMICS

HOROSCOPES

by Jacqueline Bigar

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You will find that a sense of calmness takes over. Getting a project off the ground will be a snap compared to your other recent efforts. Others might be more willing to express their feelings. Don't forget to buy a card for a loved one! Tonight: TA'nt feel restricted by the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Pressure has been high, and it will continue to be so. Someone's efforts might touch you so deeply that you will want to express your appreciation. Thank-an action rather than a thank-you card to get your message across. Touch base with a family member. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You tend to be very playful in general, and today it might be difficult to contain yourself. Use some of your spontaneity and creativity in a brainstorming session. A loved one will let you know how much he or she appreciates your efforts. Tonight:

So what if it is Tuesday night? **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
Curb a tendency to be possessive. It seems as if you will do everything you can in order to draw someone toward you. In a sense, that person might feel manipulated by you. Recognize that you can't control anyone. Perhaps the best bet is to let go. Tonight: Happiest at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You might want to try a new approach or do something differently. You might be able to make a difference, as you feel much better about yourself than you have in a while. Lighten up. A gesture will mean a lot, both to the receiver and to the giver. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You might want to pull back and take a closer look at what is going on with your feelings and with someone else's response. You could discover that a situation is far more intense than you originally might have thought. Tonight: Kick back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You can't help but smile as you observe friends and loved ones, and see how committed and concerned they are about someone's problem. You recognize and appreciate that quality in others. Make an effort to let them know how you feel. Tonight: Make your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You know what you want, and you know what you need. At this point, you might be holding a lot back. Someone's cold response could justify your reservations. Keep in mind that you were the one who initiated the interaction. Tonight: In the limelight. Others will follow!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Reach out for more information. If need be, find an expert to clear up some confusion that surrounds a professional matter. Remember that this person's opinion is just that — an opinion. It would be wise to get feedback from others, too. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You make a good impression, no matter where you are. Others

admire your dignity and strong sense of direction. A partner might share much more than he or she normally does. Encourage this type of vulnerability, and listen to what he or she says. Tonight: Dinner out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You might want to listen to the feedback you'll be getting from loved ones. You realize more involved than you realize. Others demand center stage. While your opinions are valued, it might not be to the extent that you would like. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Continue the intense schedule you have created for yourself, and complete as much as you can -- you will be a lot happier as a result. Weigh the pros and cons of a situation. A partner or an associate might try to distract you. Give in. You will enjoy the break. Tonight: Stay calm.

BORN TODAY
Actor Charlie Sheen (1965), automotive engineer Ferdinand Porsche (1875), guitarist Steve Jones (1955)

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

Dear Annie: I am a college student who is about two years from graduating. I have been living with my parents while I am in school. You might want to live on campus.

A few years ago, I decided, for several reasons, to move from Ohio to Florida when I graduate. Although my parents have told me my entire life to do what I want to do, they are against this move. When I first told them about this decision, they thought I was just dreaming. However, as my college education is winding up, they are trying to convince me to stay. They will not let up with their reasons for me to continue to live here.

I keep telling my family that moving is not a final goodbye. They are welcome to visit anytime, and I surely will return to Ohio now and then. But this information hasn't convinced them to stop badgering me. I don't think I can take the pressure anymore. What do I do? -- Pressured Family

Dear Pressured: Your family wants you to stick around because they will miss you terribly if you move away. They foresee you marrying someone from Florida and raising a family there, where you will have only periodic contact. You see this as developing your independence. They see it as a permanent separation. If you can understand their underlying fear and sadness, it will help you respond more compassionately to their "badgering." But this is your decision to make, whether or not they agree, so please have the courage of your convictions, which includes the ability to withstand the pressure.

Dear Annie: I have an account at a local bank. Every time anyone enters the bank, a greeter meets us with good wishes, hellos, and "What are your plans for the day?" The tellers chitchat with customers at the window, asking "How are you?" and "What are you doing for the holiday?"

This takes up time when people are waiting for service. How do you tell them to shut up and get the line moving when you only want to do business and get out? -- Waiting for Your Answer

Dear Waiting: Most of this friendliness does not take up as much time as you think. Employees can be both friendly and efficient. You can say hello to a greeter without stopping to tell your life story. Tellers can chat while they cash checks, enter deposits or do any number of things. It only becomes a problem if the teller cannot multitask or when the chatting continues after the transaction is finished. If you notice this happening, you should register a complaint with the bank manager.

Dear Annie: You gave good advice to "Lonely for Friends." I have been fortunate to make and keep many friends. Here's my advice:

- 1. To keep friends, they must be nurtured like a garden. When you are with a potential friend:
 1. Ask about them. Try not to be self-absorbed. Show interest and care when they speak.
 2. Discuss books, movies, current affairs (without the politics).
 3. Invite them to your home and make another date while together.
 4. Send a note by email, snail mail or even text message letting them know you enjoyed being together.
 5. Remember their birthday or the next big holiday.
 6. Be there as a friend when life's difficulties happen and celebrate the good times.
 7. Be lighthearted and fun to be around.
- 2. To have a friend, one must be a friend. This also makes for better relations with co-workers. Friends are the chocolate chips in the cookie of life. -- A Good Friend

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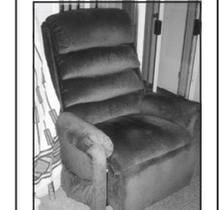
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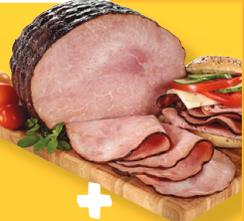


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