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News of the Odd:

When a California woman found a lump in the cushion of a chair she had received for free on Craigslist in June, she thought it was a heating pad that someone with a bad back might have stuffed into it. When she unzipped the cover, she pulled out a dozen envelopes containing \$36,000 in cash.

The family giving away the chair told a local news outlet that they were getting rid of it and a matching sofa after the death of a loved one. They believe the money was stashed as a savings strategy.

Upon discovery of the envelopes, the woman immediately called and returned the cash to the family, who gave her a reward of \$2,200.

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Swings no more at Mac 1 park

The swing structures remain but no swing seats have been installed this year at the former Mac 1 school playground.

School district CFO Darleen Patterson told *The Buzzette* that play equipment that cannot meet safety standards is removed. She said equipment is typically not replaced at closed facilities.

She added, "The School District and the District of Mackenzie are currently working together to determine the best use of funds [in]... the Mackenzie Recreation Education Trust. School play structures may fit the use indicated in the trust."

Post office tightens parcel security

Mailbox access remains restricted to business hours at the post office due to a security incident in June (see June RCMP Report this issue.)

Mackenzie branch has returned to its policy of requesting primary ID in addition to the parcel notification card when picking up parcels.

The branch has formally requested a security camera to monitor the mailbox area and is "on the list", according to a spokesperson at the branch.

Conifex power down for summer

Conifex power plant has suspended operations until likely autumn, as damage to a turbine was discovered during annual maintenance, according to a company news release.

The "co-gen" operation had been set to resume normal power output July 5, following its annual slow-down period, when BC Hydro reduces electricity purchases during low demand.

Trails, beach re-open amid search efforts

A temporary closure of the trails and Morfee campground and beach has been lifted as of July 21st.

Barricades and police presence had blocked Morfee Lake Road since the disappearance of a Mackenzie man down Lost Lake trail on the evening of July 13. Colin Taylor, 39, was carrying a gun and was described to police by his friend as acting strangely.

The police report says several shots were heard after Taylor disappeared on the trail.

A search over several days and with multiple units ensued, closing nearby recreation areas.

At time of print, the search was continuing.

Quotes:

"I'm not funny.
What I am is brave."
- Lucille Ball

Fire approaches Stein Valley

Wildfire season has begun in the south, with the first of what BC Wildfire (BCWS) calls a "Fire of Note" sparking July 14 west of Lytton, the town which was leveled by fire last year.

Starting on flat terrain near a ranch at the base of a mountain, the fire was estimated at only two hectares after two hours, as crews attended.

By late afternoon, gusty winds had pushed it to 75 hectares, according to BCWS. It is currently over 2,000 hectares and reaching the entrance to Stein Valley.

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RCMP Report

Investigations of Interest - June -

- On 2022-06-01 a District of Mackenzie Employee reported a male on a bicycle ride past her and spit at her. Investigators arrested the male and released him with a court date.
- 2022-06-02 reports of a male punching a wall near the mall. Male was located and spoken to, however, denied hitting the wall. No cuts or abrasions noted on the male's knuckles. The male was warned regarding his behaviour by police.
- 2022-06-02 Bylaw advised the Mackenzie RCMP of a complaint regarding an illegal taxi service. Bylaw advised that their complainant has seen the individuals make constant deliveries and saw a Facebook post regarding the cab company. Members are still investigating the situation.
- On 2022-06-03 reports of a male throwing shoes at customers was received at a business on Mackenzie Blvd. The Complainant advised that they had received a call from a customer regarding a male sitting outside the business. The customer stated that the male had thrown shoes at her while she was

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Did you know?

Spyware technology called Pegasus can extract the contents of a phone or activate its camera and microphone to provide real time surveillance. The software was discovered in 2016 after a failed installation attempt on the iPhone of a human rights activist led to an investigation.

Other investigations have found it on the phones of politicians, activists and dissidents. It is believed Pegasus is being used in at least 45 countries, including by law-enforcement agencies. Its creator, NSO Group, once pitched it to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.



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- sitting inside her vehicle. A possible suspect was identified, however, unable to confirm the identity and no victim came forward to police.
- 2022-06-04 Complainant reported that a transient male was standing in front of her residence staring at her home. Previous history of the male at this residence. Transient male spoken to and advised not to return. No offence committed at this time.
 - 2022-06-04 A complainant called the RCMP to report a male walking around with a stick pointing it at kids on Centennial Dr. Members attended and spoke with the male and educated him on his behaviour. No offence committed.
 - 2022-06-05 Members called to assist BC Ambulance Service with a male who had overdosed at a residence. Members attended and male had awoken from naran administered by roommates. BC Ambulance attended shortly after and transported male to hospital for care.
 - 2022-06-07 Mackenzie RCMP received a sensitive file from a specialized unit out of the Lower Mainland. Investigation underway and multiple judicial authorizations being written to assist in the file.
 - 2022-06-09 RCMP received a report of a fire near the McLeod Lake child care centre in Sekani Dr. The complainant stated it sounded as if gun shots were going off and saw flames in the area. Members attended and several abandoned vehicles had been set on fire in the bush. Firefighters already on scene. Firefighters advised they believed the fire had been started by firecrackers. Several attempts to obtain any information to identify the individual responsible, all unsuccessful. File concluded at this time, but to be re-

- opened if new evidence arises.
- 2022-06-09 Rec Centre requested police assist them by serving a Ban letter from the Rec Centre to a transient male who had been causing issues at the Rec Centre. Ban Letter issued.
 - 022-06-12 Assist fire with a trailer fire at Morfee Trailer Court. Arson ruled out.
 - 2022-06-15 Canada Post reported that a male had been prying open mail boxes and stealing parcel cards. The male then attempted to retrieve the parcel cards despite his name not being on them. Investigation is still under way.
 - 2022-06-17 RCMP received another report of an alarm going off at old Mackenzie Elementary School. Boards pried off window and window smashed. Blood was observed on various parts of the glass. No persons located inside.
 - 2022-06-21 Mackenzie RCMP received a sensitive file from a specialized unit out of the Lower Mainland. Investigation underway and multiple judicial authorizations being written to assist in the file.

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What's going on in Macktown?

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- 2022-06-23 Members called to an apartment building for a report of a male wanting to fight everyone while intoxicated. The investigation led to a report of domestic assault and child negligence. Male arrested and released with a court date in August. File referred to MCFD for child negligence. File still under investigation by Police.

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Thanks to Mackenzie RCMP for this report. **NOTE:** Due to space restrictions, this is only a selection of entries for June. The complete report can be seen at:
TheMacktownBuzzette.com

WORD MORPH

Change one letter at a time, creating a new word at each step.

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J E A N S

Thought of the Day...

Adoption as big business

... That fact – that privatized adoption is a literal business – is another reason why saying “just adopt instead of abort” doesn't work.

In the U.S., private adoption is a multibillion-dollar industry. *Time* reported that a 2021 agreement from one company, Adoption Network Law Center, showed adoptive parents were charged over \$25,000, not including legal costs and other expenses. Costs could easily be double that as people pursue “add-ons,” like choosing a child of a specific gender.

Not only does Bae assert that “adoption is not a solution for abortion” but, she continues, “It shouldn't even be in the same conversation. You're talking about abortion as a medical procedure being compared with adoption which, in this day and age, is the commodification of children.”

-- Vanessa Taylor, Mic.com



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Record Q1 profits for oil & gas co's 2022

Oil & gas producers around the globe reported record Q1 profits this year. Here's what Canadian companies posted for first quarter of the year. From news reports, May 2022:

Cenovus: \$1.6 billion
Imperial Oil: \$1.17 billion
Canadian Natural Resources: \$3.1 billion
Suncor: \$2.95 billion

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ACROSS

1. Kidney-shaped nuts

8. Weaponized throwing sticks

9. Split along a fault line, sloughed

10. Secret agreement

11. French female friends

14. Closest to

16. Local logging company

17. Worry, sadness

DOWN

2. Not proud

3. Not common

4. An appliance for warmth

5. Hearing organ

6. Small songbird

7. As opposed to a hard disk drive (acr)

9. To smack with open hand, usually on the tush

12. To join or seal with thread


13. Having eaten

15. Just __ Stories (Kipling)

WORD SEARCH from last issue:

Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Slovenia, India, Kenya, Mexico.

CRYPTOQUOTE: I'm the last of the truly tacky women. I do trash with flash and sleaze with ease. – Bette Midler



The problem with cats is that they get the exact same look on their face whether they see a moth or an axe-murderer.

B.C. aerial firefighting co. busy everywhere – except in B.C.

As another wildfire season heats up in B.C., Port Alberni-based Coulson Aviation, owners of the former Martin Mars water bomber, is busy for a third year fighting fires in California.

has established offices in the U.S. and Australia, and has been featured on *60 Minutes* news show. It has had winter contracts in Chile for several years.

Here in British Columbia, however, the company can only get short-term contracts, such as a five-day contract last summer during the province's unprecedented heat wave and fires that devastated Lytton and Monte Lake.



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