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**News of the Odd:**

A letter from a different time dropped into the letter box of a London couple in 2021. The envelope had the year '16 stamped on it but the 1¢ King George stamp made them do a double take.

Sent to a Katie Marsh, married to stamp dealer Oswald Marsh, by her friend Christabel Mennell, it opens with the words...

"My dear Katie, will you lend me your aid - I am feeling quite ashamed of myself after saying what I did at the circle."

The letter is believed to have got lost in the sorting office which was later closed.

via *The Guardian.com*

**Fun Fact:** Actor Vincent Price, who did the spooky voice work on Michael Jackson's blockbuster album *Thriller*,

was given a choice between taking a percentage of the album royalties or being paid a flat \$20K. He chose the \$20K.

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# The Macktown Buzzette

March 23 - April 5, 2023

## EV station site chosen

The parking area in front of Town Centre Mall between Hagen's and the Chamber office, called "616 Parking Lot", will become the site for a Fast Charging EV (electric vehicle) station, after Council approved the location at its March 13 meeting.

The charger was offered to the District by BC Hydro in 2021 (see *Buzzette* Feb 23) as part of its Public EV Infrastructure Program. According to a staff report, Hydro first approached private busi-

See 'EV station' over →

## Conifex to begin Bitcoin hosting

Conifex announced this month that, in partnership with Tsay Keh Dene Nation, it will provide hosting services to Bitcoin mining company Greenidge Generation at its "3-megawatt high performance computing (HPC) site, powered by renewable energy", according to the news release.

Greenidge, headquartered in Connecticut, is a cryptocurrency data centre and power generation company.

Conifex says it will host 750 miners on behalf of Greenidge with capacity of approximately 80 PH/s (peta hashes per second). The agreement includes consideration for a potential expansion of 25MW.

## Mountaineers win BC title

The Mackenzie Mountaineers won the B.C. Title for the GMHL West league last weekend beating the Kitimat Saax 3-1 in playoffs, including a nailbiter third game, according to reports.

The team heads to Alberta this weekend to face off with the High Prairie Red Wings for the GMHL West Championship. The champions there will go on to the See 'GMHL West' over →

## Swap shed re-re-opens

The Swap Shed at the Mackenzie Transfer Station (the dump) has re-opened this week after a flooding then freezing event shut it down in February.

Come April 1, the Regional District is trying out new hours for its transfer stations. Mackenzie Dump will re-open Fridays (9 am - 5 pm) and Saturdays (9 am - 1 pm). Sunday hours will be reduced to 9 am - 1 pm.

## Quotes:

**“** A coward is brave when armed with power and authority; a truly courageous one can fight even when unarmed.  
 – Mahua Moitra



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## 'GMHL West'...

GMHL National Tournament in Québec at the end of the month.

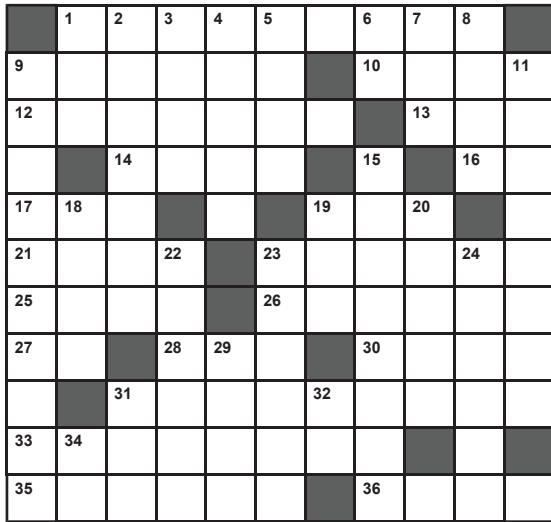
The Burns Lake Timbermen did not participate in the playoffs. They did not reportedly have enough players to ice a full team.

In an open letter this week, a Timbermen player's mom, who is also a league volunteer, described multiple breaches of the Club Fee deliverables outlined in her son's contract – fail-

ures which she said led to numerous out-of-pocket costs for her family, and to an unfulfilling experience for her son.

The western addition to the Great Metro Jr. A Hockey League began in 2019 with teams in Alberta, expanding two years later into B.C. Mackenzie, Kitimat and Burns Lake are the three current teams in the province. The Tumbler Ridge Steel Kings folded in January after just half a season.

## Buzzette Crossword



### Across

- Events, occurrences, esp. in crime reporting
- Fake, sham, pretend (adj, prefix)
- Still, undisturbed
- International news agency based in UK
- Island province (acr)
- Group organized for work or play
- Postal code in Doncaster, UK
- River in UK
- Expression of discovery
- A Four Corners state
- Rougher, less processed
- Tall staff, often for displaying signs or flags
- Eight-limbed sea critters (alternative plural)
- Notation to indicate brand or slogan ownership (acr)
- Laryngeal mask airway
- Faster than walking but not galloping
- A situation of urgency
- Insurance evaluator
- Despise, abhor

36. Wheat province (abbrev)

### Down

- British suffix spelling
- Taking no sides
- Appealing in a pretty or endearing way
- Perfect for the situation
- Student shared rooming (abbrev)
- The 'tar heel' state (abbrev)
- To hit a surface lightly
- Snow vehicle
- Type of marital agreement
- Fewer than the majority
- Window protectors
- Basis of matter
- Semi-circle
- To beautify, add accessories, ornaments
- Skull protector
- Rough, rude
- Long periods of historical or geological time
- Weave together, integrate
- Employment Standards Act
- "Ready, set, \_\_\_!"
- Just \_\_\_ Stories

CRYPTOQUOTE from last issue: Time is a created thing. To say "I don't have time" is like saying, "I don't want to". -- Betty Elliot.

MISSING NUMBER: 27. PS: Please send me a good math puzzle!

The majority of my diet is made up of foods that my kid didn't finish. -- Carrie Underwood



## WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out two snack foods:

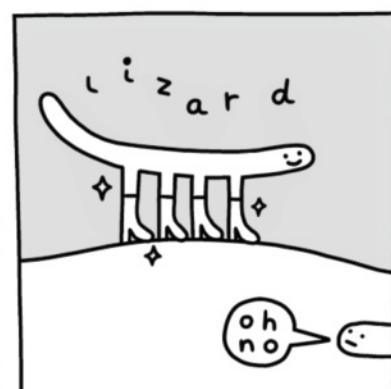
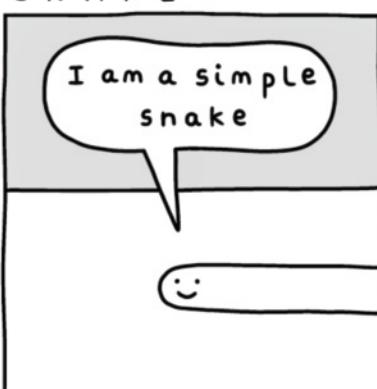
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bachelor coat

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### Questions?

Email: [HCAP@northernhealth.ca](mailto:HCAP@northernhealth.ca)



## Churches, service clubs granted fees exemption

Mackenzie churches, the Elks and the Legion will not pay District water, sewer and garbage fees in a bylaw update approved by Council at the last meeting.

Council was given the option to offer a 50% discount on fees but chose to keep the full exemption for the churches and for service clubs that own their property.

Utility fees have not been paid by these groups since 2008, although the former bylaw was never officially

updated to provide an exemption.

Finance Director Kerri Borne said the cost to the community, which will not present a drop in current revenues, is \$16,500.

In discussion, council members commented that the services these groups provide far outvalue the loss in potential recouped revenues.

At the same meeting, Council approved a 7% increase for utility fees for residential and commercial customers, after no fee increases for 2022.

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## 'EV station'...

nesses to house the station.

Fast chargers, also known as Level 3 chargers, use DC power and can charge a vehicle for a range of 200 to 250 kilometres in one hour.

The drawings, available in the Council Agenda for March 13, show the station in Mackenzie will have two charging units with capacity to expand.