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Michel says thanks

A community petition requesting an extension on a District cleanup order on Michel Plan-te's car dump and parts lot at Osilinka Road received much attention earlier this month and may have helped in gaining an extension of time granted in court.

In a note he asked to be published in *The Buzzette*, Michel expressed his appreciation: "Thank you all Mackenzie for your support of my petition. We did very good and we now have more time until the end of August 31, 2023."

The petition, started by a community member, requested an extension until October 31, stating that the recent loss of

See 'Michel' over →

Have a public notice?
thebuzzette@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

EARTH DAY at the Arts Centre April 22, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Live entertainment, stories, crafts. Hot dogs for sale by donation.

BEAR AWARENESS April 22, 12 - 2 pm. Conuma Coal workshop @ the Rec Centre. Ages 12+ Free.

CRIB NIGHT @ the Legion April 22. Register 6:30 pm. Games 7 pm. 19+ event.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY Looking for something fun to do with the family? Stop in at the Library and make a Peeps diorama together!! April 28th, 1 pm.

COMEDY & CASINO NIGHT April 29 @ the Legion. Tix \$25/ event, \$40 for both. Fund-raiser for MFSC. Cindy Castle-Lindley at 250-981-1097. 19+ event.

Continued over →

News of the Odd:

An online marketplace app was the meeting place of a man and woman in England who lived in the same neighbourhood for 40 years without ever meeting.

After seeing her picture in the online app NextDoor, an app that connects people with local services and information, Chris sent Michelle a greeting and they began to chat. Turns out they grew up in the same neighbourhood as kids, went to the same pubs, sent their kids to the same schools and lived within a few minutes' walk of each other for 40 years.

Their respective last names are 'Place' and 'Toobey'.



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The Macktown Buzzette

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Downtown vision released

A downtown redesign plan commissioned by the District in 2022 was received by Council last week and is available for community review.

It focuses on the commercial blocks from west of Mackenzie Boulevard to Skeena Drive, redesigning the downtown core to be more pedestrian and bike friendly and to allow a greater mix of residential, commercial and public green spaces.

Councillor Brumovksy expressed concerns that the vision, which calls for

See 'Downtown' over →

Comedy & casino night

The Mackenzie Figure Skating Club, in partnership with Monster Industries, is hosting a night of comedy and casino games at the Legion April 29.

Comedians Mike McGuire, Cody Malbeuf and Virginia Odine will entertain at 6:30.



Casino games will start at 8:30 and include blackjack, poker and spinning games like Crown and Anchor, Over and Under and numbers.

Ticket price includes playing chips and other chips are available for purchase.

More school board elections

School District 57 will hold byelections in June to replace two trustees who resigned last month amid discord over the dismissal of Superintendent Cindy Heitman. Nominations are accepted until May 2.

Since 2018, Mackenzie has had a dedicated seat on the school board, and Mackenzie residents only vote for that one trustee. Rachael Weber was elected to that seat in 2022. Since then she has become the Board Chair.

Weber spoke to the *Prince George Post* this week, addressing concerns

See 'School board' over →

Conifex suing BC Hydro

Conifex announced it has filed a notice of civil claim against BC Hydro in the B.C. Supreme Court seeking to overturn an 18-month Hydro moratorium on supplying electricity to new cryptocurrency and data centre projects in B.C.

Hydro had announced the suspension in December after an Order in Council was made to the B.C. Utilities Commission. Hydro cited a large number of applications from crypto mining companies, which

See 'Conifex' over →

Quotes:

"My grandfather paid 90% marginal tax rate on his income and was still able to amass a fortune."

— Abigail Disney



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1. Goods or wreckage floating on water
6. Garden tool
7. Digital movie
9. Not two
10. Having run
12. Not yet reviewed
14. Regarding (*abbrev.*)
15. This place
16. Honorific meaning 'holy', 'radiant' (*Sanskrit*)
17. Neither ____.

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DOWN

1. Good deeds that one repays
2. According to a rule
3. If garment is too long
4. Angola (*abbrev.*)

5. Wander without hurry or direction
8. Internal, subjective
11. Bubbly chocolate product
13. Expression of understanding

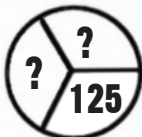
CRYPTOQUOTE from last issue: *It's our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.* – J.K. Rowling

Yelling at my old answering machine for not giving me answers – literally the one thing it was designed to do! -- Daniel Spencer Levine



MISSING NUMBER

Figure out the formula and guess the missing numbers.



'School board'...

expressed by some parent and teacher reps over ongoing discord at the School Board, which has seen seven superintendents in seven years, a Special Advisor appointed to observe the board, and two byelections in less than two years due to trustee resignations.



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NOTICES

(VIRTUAL) MAY DAY CELEBRATION Hosted by Stand Up for the North Committee Monday, May 1st, 4 pm. For Zoom info email: pgewart@shaw.ca.

SPRING EXPO May 5 - 6. See ad front page.

SENIORS FITNESS TRAINING Free sessions coming up at the Rec Centre. 60+ . Starting May 10, 11, Register 997-5283.

OUT OF TOWN

EARTH DAY SLIDE SHOW on the upper Fraser Walker Valley by Conservation North. April 22, 7 pm at ArtSpace above Books & Company, Prince George.

'Michel'...

Michel's wife and his own recent health concerns have made it difficult to deal with the lot.

It noted Michel's contributions to the community: starting Mackenzie's first taxi service in 1968, a charter bus service in 1971, and Mackenzie Towing in 1984. It said he also served as a town alderman in the 1980s.

'Downtown'...

more street trees and narrower walkways, ignores Mackenzie's snow removal realities in winter, and could increase such costs.

The plan can be viewed on the District website under Let's Chat Mackenzie.

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Late April - late May:

The Sun, accompanied by this week's

new moon, enters Taurus on April 20, to stay for one month. This Taurus season will be especially Taurean with three planets (Sun, Mercury, Uranus) and the beneficial moon's node in this sign.

After the Sun's first day in Taurus clashing with Pluto, which has newly entered the sign of Aquarius, it will meet up with retrograding Mercury at the end of April, and in early May with Uranus, which has been crashing its way through Taurus since 2019, bringing change and sometimes disruption to all things Taurean.

An earth sign ruled by Venus, Taurus is associated with beauty, sensuality, good food, money & financial systems,

stability, and the earth itself. Also stubbornness – hence, the Bull symbol.

With Mercury moving backwards then forwards through this sign for the next several weeks, expect these qualities to be particularly highlighted in daily life, for better or worse.

Pluto, just dipping its toes into Aquarius this spring, will progress through Aquarius more fully next year until 2043. Astrologers say this will bring deep changes in social systems and especially technology. Pluto was last in Aquarius from 1778 - 1798.

Fun Fact: Ye little town of Mackenzie, "born" on May 19, 1966, is a super Taurus, with its Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars and beneficial North Node all in this sign.

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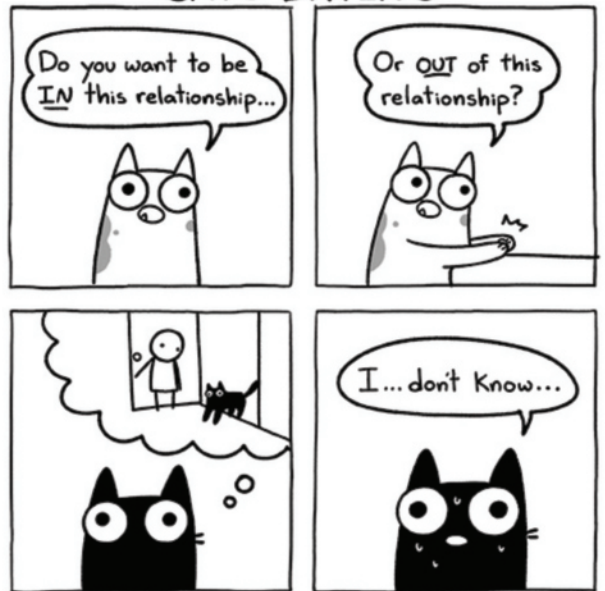
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'Conifex lawsuit'...

notoriously consume large quantities of electricity, especially Bitcoin miners.

In March, Conifex announced it would host a Bitcoin mining operation by Greenidge Generation Holdings at its 3-megawatt "high performance computing (HPC) facility" in partnership with Tsay Keh Dene nation.

In its claim against Hydro, the company states that two of its proposed projects (the "HPC Projects") have effectively been paused due to Hydro's moratorium.

It alleges that BC Hydro's "failure and refusal to supply service to the HPC Projects is in breach of BC Hydro's common law obligation to supply electricity and unfairly discriminates against Conifex vis-a-vis other commercial customers."

Cryptominers have flocked to Canada and other cheap power jurisdictions in recent years. Many places have paused crypto mining approvals while policy is being developed.