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Snowbirds say 'hi' from the sky

If anyone was sleeping in late Sunday morning, they weren't after 11 am when what sounded like a single large jet engine flying very low in the sky ripped over the town.

It was probably on the second pass through that most of us saw the formation

of nine white planes flying in perfect unison as the Canadian Snowbirds sent their greeting to Macktown on their way to Penticton that day.

They were traveling from the Fort St. John air show that took place over the long weekend.

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District preps for EBCC demolition

A request for proposal has been issued by the District for abatement and demolition of Ernie Bodin Community Centre, vacated last year by its long term tenants including the Arts Centre, the radio station and the Museum.

The work is requested to be completed by October 31.

The demolition of EBCC will involve some hazardous material handling, including asbestos and mold.

The RFP listed two other properties in its scope: a commercial building at the airport and a residential property in town.

Question raised on ATV access

Resident David Szuscko has asked the District for information regarding official access points to all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails from town and for rules regulating the driving or movement of ATVs to access trails for those not living next to the green belts.

Council agreed to bring the topic back to a future meeting. Mayor Atkinson said that as far as she knows, there are no defined access routes for ATVs into the bush around town.

The District's 2018 Trails Master Plan identifies routes around town used informally by snowmobiles and ATVs, including the fire guard trail. It makes a number of recommendations to formalize motorized trail routes and access.

Mayor receives reply on Whiskers

Budget constraints and fish windows were two of the reasons given for the closure of Whiskers Point Provincial Park for the entire summer season.

Last month the Ministry of Environment and Parks responded to a letter from Mayor Atkinson inquiring about the delay in bridge repairs in the park.

The mayor had asked why the work identified last fall was not completed in springtime, allow-

See 'Whiskers Point' over →

Quotes:

"Instead of looking at the past, I put myself ahead twenty years and try to look at what I need to do now in order to get there then."

— Diana Ross



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Road paving begins

Annual road paving will begin again this month and continue into the fall. The District has allocated \$1,000,000 from the Community Works Gas Tax Reserve Fund and the General Capital Reserve for the purpose, according to a Public Works report to Council.

A map of the road sections to be paved has been provided by the District.

A new program with the District will allow millings

from old asphalt removed in repaving to be sold for repurposing, a practice becoming common in other towns.

Public Works already uses some of its own millings in projects around town. Asphalt millings can be used to pave driveways and parking lots.

A rate of \$20 per yard for mixed millings was approved by Council at the last meeting.

News of the Odd:

In 1989, a woman brought her 3-month-old son who was struggling to breathe to the hospital.

Doctors found an elevated level of ethylene glycol in the baby's blood, suggesting poisoning by antifreeze. The infant was separated from his parents for several weeks over treatment, with only strict visiting rights afforded to them.

On one brief visit, mother Patricia Stallings fed the boy from a bottle. After this, the boy's condition worsened and he died.

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See 'AI' over →

Cut Thumb access okay - for now

An update since the July 24th issue:

Pete Kylo reports that the bridge rail deficiencies on the crossings at 22 km and 32 km on the Parsnip West Forest Service Road are being remedied by Duz Cho, which is hosting its

annual fishing derby at Cut Thumb Bay next week.

These crossings are a separate issue from the bridges further up the road being decommissioned by the Ministry of Forests, the loss of which will temporarily or permanently cut off road access north of 41 km.

Trivia: A word I know, six letters it contains. Remove one letter, and 12 remain. What is it? (Answer back page) →

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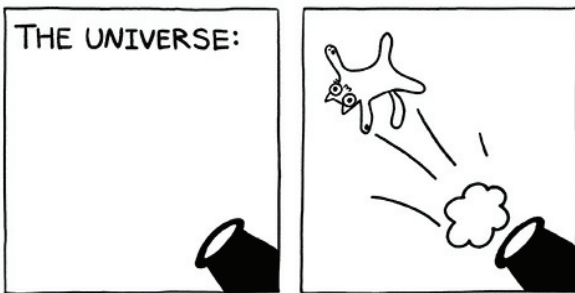
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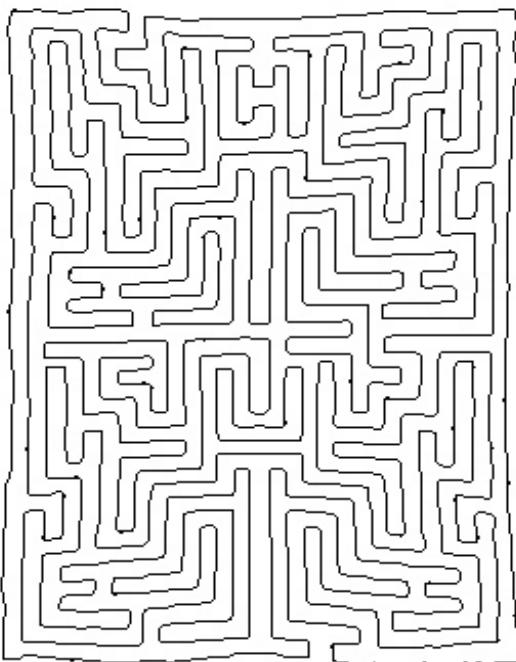
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COMMUNITY NOTES

THE GREEN CAPES LIONS CLUB will be in the Mall August 15 - 16 fundraising for Canada Dog Guides, Rocky Mountain Chocolates & Lions Club merch!

DUZ CHO FISHING DERBY August 16 - 18, Cut Thumb Bay. Entry fee \$40/\$20. Info: wgeorge@duzcho.com

MORFEE LAKE SCRAMBLE 15 km walk/run/cycle race August 16th. Sign up at Eventbrite. After-party at Second Beach with live band Patchwork.

2ND ANNUAL NORTHERN ROOTS SYMPOSIUM

Sept 13th @ the Rec Centre. New this year: Harvest Show-down – Biggest potato, tallest sunflower, largest zucchini, oddest-shaped veggie. Entries by 11 am. Judging @ 2 pm. More info @ the District.

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Museum Notes

by Chris Johansen

The first road to the interior of British Columbia was built by A.C. Anderson in 1846. The route went from Port Douglas at the head of Harrison Lake to Lillooet. By September 1858, there were 500 mules operating on the road. By 1861, the pack road had been transformed into a wagon road as far as Lillooet. Within two years, the road had been pushed as far as Soda Creek. The 'royal engineers' were pushing their own road through the Fraser Canyon, which was opened from Yale to Clinton in 1863, thus ending the use of the Port Douglas/Lillooet route. By 1865, the engineers had the road finished as far as Barkerville, the new gold town of the north. The final cost of the 400 miles of road between Yale and Barkerville was low by today's standards -- \$1,000,000. The name of this road was 'The Cariboo Road.'

During the Gold Rush, 25,000 Americans flooded into British Columbia. The best year for extracting gold was 1863 when \$3,913,563 in gold was removed. It may not seem like much by today's standards, but gold was only \$8.00 an ounce in those days!

Museum Notes, written by longtime Museum volunteer Chris Johansen, appeared as a column for some years in The Mackenzie Times.

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News of the Odd (continued):

Stallings was charged with murder and was not allowed to attend her son's funeral.

While in prison awaiting trial, Stallings gave birth to another son who began suffering from the same ailments as Ryan. The baby was placed in foster care. At that time, Stallings was convicted of murder in the first case.

In 1991, an episode of

Unsolved Mysteries on TV brought attention to the case and Ryan's blood was retested. Ultimately the defense team was able to prove that both infants suffered from *methylmalonic acidemia*, a condition which can produce a chemical in the blood similar to ethylene glycol.

The Stallings were exonerated. Patricia later successfully sued the hospital.

TONGUE TWISTERS

Can you say these five times fast without stopping?

- Beautiful blue butterflies fluttering by.
- We shall see the sun shine soon.
- I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE from last issue: "Is that a pistol in your pocket or are you just glad to see me?" Attributed to actress Mae West. Other versions exist, including one using the word "pickle". **MISSING NUMBER:** 6 and 9. Going clockwise, multiply by 2, subtract 3. Did you see any other pattern?

Trivia answer: Dozens.

Applicant: "Help me describe 'Changed a lightbulb' on my resumé."

Resumé writer: "Managed the upgrade and deployment of a new environmental illumination system with zero cost overruns and zero safety incidents."



'Whiskers Point'...

ing the park to be open for summer.

The letter from the assistant deputy minister stated that the cost to replace the bridges – four of them in the park – was "significantly higher than the operating budget for the region," but that the work

was prioritized for this year and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The letter also said that bridge work is constrained by *Wildlife Act* regulations that prevents work in streams at certain times of the year.

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