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Rear view MMMirror Bums rush at toll booths

Either it's some form of frat initiation or there's something about the toll booths that compels people to remove their clothes and gallop past the money-takers. A motorist waiting behind a van, approx 10 days ago, was startled when two buck nekkid males, in their early 20s (IQ, not age), leapt from the van and raced, *jangling*, through the gate. Apparently this exercise is not uncommon. According to one tollbooth attendant, at least a dozen streakers have broken the monotony over the past months. All streakers have been caught *en flagrante* on surveillance cameras, and will be highlighted in the up-and-coming Highways video entitled *The Coquihalla - From Top to Bottoms*.
— Gordon Cockle, Merritt Morning Mirror, Monday Mar 4, 1996 - #141

RCMP Musical Ride returns August 26

The NV Rodeo Association is pleased to announce it will host the RCMP Musical Ride at the Rodeo Grounds later this summer, on Wednesday, August 26. It was last performed in Merritt in 2018 to a sold-out crowd. Internationally recognized, the performance is a proud symbol of the tradition and heritage of Canada's national police service. The Ride features 16 RCMP officers and their horses, performing precision drills and elaborate formations choreographed to music. The arena setting offers spectators a rare opportunity to experience the Musical Ride up close. "We are proud to bring this wonderful family oriented experience back to Merritt," said Peter Spencer, President of the Nicola Valley Rodeo Association. The NVRA is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization with more than 60 years of history in the Nicola Valley, producing rodeos and community events. Proceeds from the event will support ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the Rodeo Grounds, which are jointly owned with the Fall Fair Association.

Tickets will be available online at www.nicolavalleyrodeo.com beginning May 1, 2026, and at the gate on August 26 — Adults \$15, children ages 6-15 \$10, Children under 6 free.

I spotted an albino dalmatian today... It was the least I could do.
In English class, Ms McGrath told Dan to make a sentence with "cauterize." Dan floundered around for a moment, and said, "Samantha didn't see where I was sitting in the grandstands, so I waved my handkerchief and cauterize."
An experiment Scientists removed the left half of a man's brain and asked him to count to 10. He said, "2, 4, 6, 8, 10." Then they put it back, and removed the right half of his brain and asked him to count to 10. He said, "1, 3, 5, 7, 9." Finally they removed his entire brain and asked him to count to 10. He says: 'Oh I can count to 10. Believe me People are saying I can count to 10 better than anyone in the history of our country. If you ask me to count to 10. I will count to 10 the likes of which no one has ever seen before.'

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

<p>Aries March 21 - April 19</p> <p>This week, emotional undercurrents & subtle affections are surfacing. Even if it doesn't have romantic potential, you're being offered support that you're not taking. Accept & enjoy!</p>	<p>Taurus April 20 - May 20</p> <p>It's time to tackle items lingering at the top of your to-do list. This week shows what needs attention. Then later, you can take action with confidence.</p>	<p>Gemini May 21 - June 20</p> <p>This week, try stepping back. You'll make space for someone else to rise to the occasion. And be free to invest your energy where it matters most. A pause can be refreshing.</p>	<p>Cancer June 21 - July 22</p> <p>A conversation needs to be held, or a heartfelt gesture made. Let go of a lingering anxiety, and act with sincerity, your efforts will be appreciated and rewarded.</p>
<p>Leo July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>A heart-to-heart conversation brings clarity, releases tension, & helps reconnect with your strengths. Reach out, listen, meaningful insight & relief come from people who care about you.</p>	<p>Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>This week you realize that you've considered all the angles and weighed up the pros and cons. All that's left is for you to calmly and confidently step forwards.</p>	<p>Libra Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>This week highlights the balance between caution and connection. show glimpses of your true self through one-on-one conversation. You'll open doors to deep connections</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>Whether expressing feelings, making bold decisions, or taking the lead in a relationship, you'll find the support you need. Step forward with confidence, you'll make progress.</p>
<p>Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>As the week progresses a sense of control returns which enables you to forge forwards with courage and ease. Trusting your intuition is key.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>This week presents you with an opportunity to deepen an acquaintance into something more meaningful. Reveal the more vulnerable side of your personality, your authentic self.</p>	<p>Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>This week highlights the need to prioritize. To take advantage of an opportunity, you need to put other commitments on hold. This is a chance to rebalance, to great effect.</p>	<p>Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>This week, if you step back, you can reclaim your voice. This path is distinct and valuable. By giving yourself space to reflect, you'll be able to reassert your independence.</p>

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