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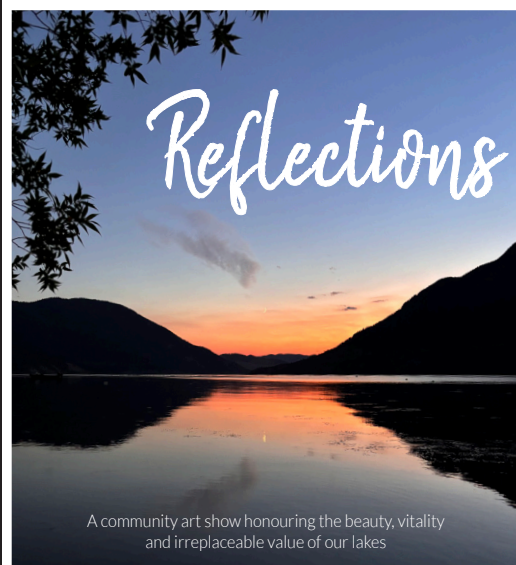
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## Forest Landscape Plan open house Residents asked to help guide forest management

Residents in communities in the Southern Interior are invited to share their input about the development of the tmix<sup>®</sup> naqscn (pronounced *ti-MUUK nak-CHEEN*) Forest Landscape Plan (FLP) to guide forest-management decisions in the area.

The name tmix<sup>®</sup> (the land and all living things) and naqscn (one voice) originates from the nsylxc̄an and n̄t̄k̄épm̄x̄c̄in languages and reminds that the forest landscape plan is about unity, respect and shared responsibility for the land and all living things.

People can share their thoughts through a **survey**, which will run from May 11 until July 10, 2026.

The tmix<sup>®</sup> naqscn FLP team will also hold 6 **open houses** and one virtual open house so people can learn more about forest landscape planning and ask questions.

An open house will be held in Merritt on May 27, 6-8pm, in Room 2 at the Civic Centre. A Virtual town hall will be held June 15, 6:30-8pm. Link: us02web.zoom.us/j/81380867582?pwd=dNBGRsi4ZtaR9Xqx1lSCDcoXx6P6JL.1

Nations that have partnered with the Province on the tmix<sup>®</sup> naqscn FLP include: Nlaka'pamux Nation — Coldwater, Cook's Ferry, Lower Nicola, Nicomen, Nooaitch, Shackan and Siska; Syilx Nation — Lower Similkameen, Osoyoos, Upper Nicola, Upper Similkameen and Westbank; and Secwépemc Nation — Skeetchestn.

Engagement with other First Nations in the area continues through access to an open planning table, an established consultation process to ensure there are ongoing opportunities for dialogue and input.

## Rear View MMMirror, May 17, 1995 Crime and Punishment

And NOW your favorite and mine, the burglar we've ALL been waiting for, that roof-chopping, rough-talking, alarm-ringing, cough syrup drinking, son-of-a-GALOOT ... **VINNY!**

(ATTENTION TOURISTS: 'VINNY' is the fictitious name of a 47-yr old local resident who chopped through the roof of Black's Pharmacy, drank a couple of bottles of codeine cough syrup and ate some valiums before the police broke in, dogged him, and hauled him away. He was released on his own recognizance and **SIX DAYS LATER** was, again, arrested, *inside* the same drugstore. His repeat performance successfully shifted his name from the 'dangerous criminals' list to the Carol's Comedy Hour roster.

The Mirror has very deliberately poked fun at Vinny, laughed with him, and earnestly sought out ironic, humorous sidelights simply because the *Continued, over*

**What do you get** when a telescope runs into a microscope? a collide-oscope.

**A woman calls her husband** at work and asks, "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your back, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?" He says, "God, no." And she says, "Um... how about now?"

**A man meets a genie** who offers him 3 wishes. "I wish I was rich!" The man says. "Very good. What's your second wish, Rich?" The genie asks. "No, I mean Rich as in money." The man replies. "Very good. You have 1 last wish, Mr. Azzinmoney. What would it be?" "I wish you could understand what I'm trying to say!" The man yells. "Ohh... now I get it!" The genie says before disappearing.

Premier R. B. Bennett Driving Through Opening Day Banner May 16<sup>th</sup> 1986

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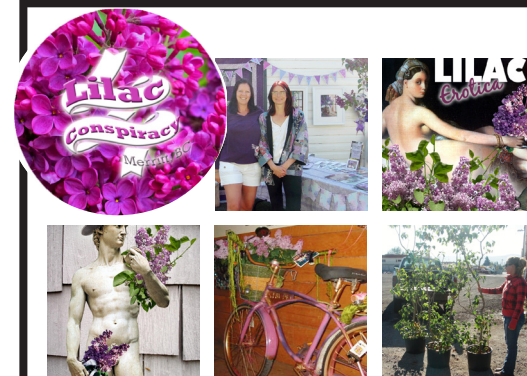
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**The Lilac Conspiracy**  
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**Lilac Festivals in Merritt**  
The first lilac festival was held in 2004, in mid-May when the lilacs were bursting with colour & fragrance in Merritt. It was an art & music event in a heritage warehouse in the downtown area — a huge success with a Bohemian style. The event appealed to those who love the flowers & enjoy art. Festivals were held each year until 2008, but 'lilac awareness' has continued to be promoted through art posters during lilac time.

**The Merritt Lilac Project**  
The Merritt Lilac Project began in 2005 with Bill Vander Zalm donating well-started 4'-5' lilac trees to the citizens of Merritt. Since that time, more than 5,000 lilacs have been planted in our community, thanks to his generosity. With this gift, the variety of lilac trees is greatly enhanced, extending the blooming season by at least 2 weeks. The bushes are young still, but continue thrive in our climate. They are an investment that will mature in the years to come!

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**Crime/Punishment** *continued*

straight story of Vinny is just too muddled-sad for words. His own worst enemy, he's a pain-in-the-ass to the community, and unlikely to be rehabilitated by anything short of the decrepitude of old age. Nevertheless, he's articulate, he's humorous, he's kind to animals, and he surely points out how fortunate the rest of us are. With Vinny, The Mirror has adopted its famous 'Lighten-up-'til-de-Judge-come' policy.)

**Heeeee-res VINNY!** The Sheriff leads Vinny from the paddy-wagon into the courthouse and up the stairs to the holding cells. Vinny kicks off the morning by popping a junkie at the top of the stairs. He lunges out with his cuffed hands, pushing the man back a couple of steps. No-one knows the reason for this minor explosion, although it could have something to do with Vinny's apartment being broken into while Vinny languished in the Kamloops remand centre (Mr. David Quinn, Black's Pharmacy, has an airtight alibi for the time the offence took place.)

**The Mirror has a brief visit with Vinny.** The Sheriff allowed The Mirror to speak through a barred hole to the burglar. "Y'know Gord," says Vinny, "It shocked me how easily I just fitted back into the System." "I guess it's like riding a bike," I say. "You never forget."

He puts his mouth close to the grate: "You know who's in the cell across there?" - indicating the youth holding cell.

(His son. Jeez! Like father, like ... ) The fifteen-year-old was arrested on a war-

rant last weekend. "It's almost Dickensian," I say.

"It IS!" says Vinny, who knows exactly what I mean because much of the time he's spent in various jails he has spent reading. "I don't know ... I don't know ..." says Vinny, his voice trailing off. He turns his face away from the porthole. It's like a time-rip in the universe: Vinny looks at the broken promise across the hall, and sees his own boyhood; through the small grate in his door the boy has a clear view of his future.

Vinny's court time is over in seconds. He's to appear again in two weeks.

Near the end of the court day, the kid makes a break for it. Halfway down the outside Courthouse stairs the young Sheriff catches him. The kid grimaces in pain and futility, his face further contorted by the tight headlock, as he's dragged into the cell, and shackled. *There's* an image for a tee-shirt! Never mind *Live fast, Die Young, and have a good-looking corpse* (seen in court last month.) How about this kid, this child, his pain and frustration on a tee-shirt, the uniformed sleeves like a vise around his head. Rare to see such a vivid metaphor. The Sheriff didn't get off on the tussle, there was no excessive force, just Society straining to keep some degree of order.

Minutes later the boy's in court, face red, eyes watering, trying to maintain a swagger. The kid, too, is held over. The beat goes on.

—Gordon Cockle, Merritt Morning Mirror #21, Wednesday, May 17, 1995

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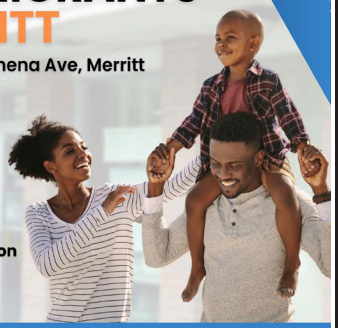


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