

PACIFIC REGION

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BIRTH To Reg. No. 44602, Cst. Wayne A. Downey and his wife, Alana, a boy, Cameron Glen, on August 6, 1999, at Kitimat.

SAFETY 'NET FOR KIDS In February, a group of government and private sector partners took a big step to reduce the estimated 800 children abducted over the Internet each year with a new computer game to teach kids how to stay safe on the 'Net. By the spring, 650,000 students in grades 6 to 9 in British Columbia, and millions more across Canada, will be playing Missing, a CD-ROM game that lets them play detective in finding Zack, a fictional 14-year-old lured away by an Internet predator. The game kit, a CD-ROM poster, video, web site and parent/teacher guide, was developed by Vancouver's LiveWires Design, with funding from Ottawa, Victoria, the Mounted Police Foundation and corporations. It was launched simultaneously by video link with Richmond and an Ottawa high school, where Justice Minister Anne McLellan joined in.

RCMP Media Summary

FEMALE OFFICER HEADS B.C. RCMP Beverley Ann Busson has been setting benchmarks ever since she joined the first class of RCMP female cadets in 1974. Now, more than a quarter of a century later, Ms. Busson is now sitting atop the leader board of the largest RCMP division in Canada. The RCMP announced that Ms. Busson was chosen to take over from retiring Assistant Commissioner Murray Johnston in March as head of the Mounties' 4,500-strong police force in British Columbia. She was the first woman to head the fight against organized crime in B.C., appointed to head of the Organized Crime Agency only last spring. Federal RCMP Commissioner Philip Murray welcomed Ms. Busson's return to the RCMP. "I know she will provide strong leadership, not only

to the overall organization of the RCMP in B.C., but to officers on the beat as well."

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FORMER MONCTON RESIDENT WINS B.C. INVESTIGATION AWARD RCMP Cst. Larry Burden has always had an affinity for water and boating, and for his adopted Maritime Provinces. Then he joined the RCMP and even worked on year as a member of the then Moncton Police Force. Burden rejoined the RCMP and moved to British Columbia in 1993. He often wondered if any of these boats had been stolen at one time or another, and how could one carry out an investigation into that fact. Thefts of boats, recreational watercraft and marine equipment has become a multi-billion dollar criminal industry in Canada that is not getting the attention from law enforcement agencies as it should, he said. Burden set about educating himself about the boating regulations, identification codes, marine thefts and trends and then set about educating others. His efforts brought him in contact with the International Association of Marine Investigators. In February, the association awarded Burden the President's Award of Excellence for exemplary work in the field of marine investigations, the first time a Canadian police officer has been honoured.

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COQUITLAM COUREURS DE BOIS WINNERS! On March 4, 2000, 10 Coquitlam RCMP members gathered on a cold, rainy Saturday morning for the Annual Coureurs de Bois Festival. The event is held to celebrate the roots of an area known to the community as "Maillardville." The festival celebrates the Francophone culture in the Lower Mainland, welcoming diverse cultures — French Canadian as well as world-wide Francophones. The main event — a