

Clarification

In a story published on Saturday's page A2, Dr. Ivan Filanti said physicians can refuse to treat patients who seek non-traditional alternative medical treatments.

The comment was a general statement about the rights of doctors and was not meant to indicate Filanti would refuse to treat such patients.

In fact, Filanti offers acupuncture treatments as part of his traditional family practice.

Filanti made his comments in response to a number of Hatters who have decided to seek alternative ways to become healthy, because methods of traditional medicine fail to work.

There is a range of services available in Medicine Hat, from herbology to reflexology to massage for those who seek other answers to their problems.

Filanti said doctors like to see scientific proof that these methods work.

Cattle sales to benefit blind

Farm trip inspires auction

JEFF WELKE
Of The News

Bill McKeown did not feel at home on the range near Medicine Hat during calving season.

But after helping save a young life the executive director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for Alberta and the North West Territories is no tenderfoot.

And he hopes his experience

helps turn a charity cattle auction Thursday into a cash cow for the CNIB.

McKeown and Dr. Euclid Harie, national executive director of the CNIB, were invited in May by Dodie Minor, Miss Rodeo Canada, to visit her ranch, near Medicine Hat.

"It was a unique experience for a couple of city boys," says McKeown of the two days on the range.

While the visually impaired pair were there, a struggling heifer needed assistance giving birth.

The ranch hands feared the worst when the pulled calf was not moving.

McKeown worked to resuscitate the animal.

After some messy emergency work, he felt a heartbeat.

The wobbly newborn was named William in his honor.

"It was like a scene from the movie City Slickers."

"I was covered from head to toe, but you don't think of that at the time."

"You just think of trying to get that calf breathing."

Later, McKeown ran the idea for a cattle sale to raise funds for the CNIB past Shirley Dupmeier, a volunteer for Medicine Hat's CNIB.

She is also a board member for Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

The sale, with 22 head of cattle donated from area farmers and ranchers, will run Thursday at Rock'n R Auctions, 1751 30 St.

'It was like a scene from the movie City Slickers.'

— McKeown

S.W., with bids starting at 11 a.m.

"Getting funding together is always tough," says Dupmeier.

"We are always challenged to be innovative and this is certainly innovative."

Money raised will stay in the area Medicine Hat's CNIB serves.

The district runs east to the Saskatchewan border, south to the United States border, west to Brooks and north to Oyen.

Dupmeier estimates between 130 and 140 people rely on programs and services the CNIB offers.

"I do not know of anything else like this."

"At least, I've never heard of a charity cattle auction before," says McKeown.

"There is a lot of competition out there from non-profit organizations and charities."

But this type of idea is tremendous.



NEEDLING HEALTH CONCERN — Public health nurse Vi Sheridan helps prepare Martha Walker of Chinook Villa to ward off flu Monday with a shot of vaccine. Walker and a group of seniors lined up for shots at K-Mart while doing a little early afternoon shopping. Approximately 270 people have received shots so far in expectation of the annual flu season.

— News photo Frank Webber

Debate appeal planned, fee worry discounted

EDMONTON (CP) — National party Leader Mel Hurtig has changed his mind and says he will appeal a court ruling that last week dashed his hopes of debating other party leaders on national television.

Hurtig told a news conference Monday he first thought his young party couldn't afford "the five-figure legal fee" it would take to appeal Justice Ronald Berger's decision.

He suggested the fight is worth the money.

Berger ruled last Thursday that the CBC does not have to allow Hurtig a place in the next week's televised leadership debate.

Hurtig said he believes his party's request for an emergency appeal will be based on the same Charter of Rights arguments that were rejected by the Alberta

Queen's Bench justice.

National party lawyers had argued the CBC is a government body which violated Hurtig's constitutional rights by not allowing him a place on the panel.

Hurtig also described to reporters how he intends to eliminate the GST while at the same time

lowering personal income taxes after the Oct. 25 federal election.

His plan includes increased corporate taxes, decreased defence spending and tighter restrictions on exemptions for wealthy Canadians.



HURTIG

Headsets bring lessons to hearing impaired

STEPHEN MEYER
Of The News

Kimberley Wyatt smiles shyly when asked about her headphones.

They look a little like a high-tech Walkman but for Kimberley, who turns 10 this week, they actually block out noise and help her hear in class.

She has no hearing in her left ear. The unit uses an FM signal to amplify her teacher's voice with the help of a clip-on microphone worn by the teacher.

"It's been great for Kimberley," says her father, Frank.

"She's doing excellent right now, but I think her grades would be poor without it."

The portable FM system, which fits in a small briefcase, is one of five being used in the public school system for hearing impaired children.

Over the last year, the district has replaced older sets with five new units paid for by the Elks Club and the Royal Purple out of the Purple Cross Fund.

At a meeting Monday night, the school system, along with parents and hearing-impaired students, recognized the club for its contribution.

The FM units have "a direct impact on the students' learning experience and the knowledge they gain through classroom instruction," says Marg Mazerolle, assistant superintendent of student services.

The system has 10 hearing im-

paired children studying in three elementary schools and Crescent Heights High.

Under the program, parents apply to the Elks for assistance to buy one of the units.

The Medicine Hat Elks intends to continue helping hearing-impaired students even though the group has closed its club and put the Eighth Street S.W. building up for sale because of financial problems, says exalted ruler Tom Madsen.

"We will absolutely continue to support children all across Canada," he says.

Jackpot Lotto Keno

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — The winning numbers drawn Monday in the B.C. Keno lottery were 12, 25, 38, 39, 40, 45, 46 and 54.

Pick 3

WINNIPEG (CP) — The winning number for Monday's Pick 3 was 254.

In the event of a discrepancy between these numbers and the official winning numbers list, the latter shall prevail.

Forum

Smokeless schools

All but two of Medicine Hat's public schools are now smoke-free environments.

Crescent Heights High, Central Park, Crestwood and Montreal Street schools along with the administration office have gone smoke-free as of Sept. 1.

Various facilities in the system have been kicking the sticks each fall according to support for the idea in work-site surveys carried out in 1990.

George Davison and Georges P. Vanier are the only two schools not yet smokeless, along with the district's warehouse. These facilities will have to be smokeless by Sept. 1, 1994, under board policy, adds chairman Karen Charlton.

"I realize the sensitivity of this issue," she says, "but it's an area where children have to come first."

Bid lowest

A Medicine Hat firm has submitted the lowest bid for the latest phase of a multimillion-dollar addition and modernization of Crescent Heights High School.

Wahl Construction Ltd., at \$958,292, was the lowest of six bids opened Monday night by the public school district for work involving reconstruction of the entrance and front of-fices.

The school district first asked for bids on the work in May, but those received this spring exceeded the district's \$1,027,000 estimate for the project.

The district's architect was asked to redesign and tender the work to meet the board's estimate.

Total government support for the new phase is \$483,000, or 45 per cent.

Watches snatched

A smash and grab this morning resulted in \$1,500 goods stolen and \$200 damage done at Adams C.E. Jeweller Ltd. this morning.

The store at 652 Third Street S.E. was reported broken into at 4:36 a.m., said Staff Sgt. Charles Redpath. He said the front window was smashed and about six Bulova watches taken.

Nobody has been arrested, said Redpath, and the investigation is continuing.

Driver fined

Erratic driving cost Deana Carrie Auger a \$400 fine Monday.

Auger, 30, of Irvine pleaded guilty to one charge of careless driving before provincial court Judge Phillip Wambolt.

June 2 at 11:20 p.m., Medicine Hat city police fell in behind a vehicle on the Trans-Canada Highway after being warned of its approach by the Medicine Hat RCMP, said Crown prosecutor Randy Pick. The vehicle weaved over the middle line of the highway twice.

When Auger was stopped, police could smell no liquor, but noticed she seemed dozy, said Pick. She passed a roadside breathalyzer test. Police seized paraphernalia relating to drugs in the vehicle, Pick said.

Perk handed back

EDMONTON (CP) — Alberta Premier Ralph Klein says he will give up a \$5,000 allowance tacked onto his paycheque for clothing and other personal use.

The allowance was put in the spotlight Friday during committee discussions of Klein's office budget.

The fund was created by former premier Peter Lougheed in 1983 under the Legislative Assembly Act.

"I just thought it was part of my salary. It wasn't identified for clothing and it never has been," said Klein, who took a five-per-cent pay cut in January. "It's been public knowledge for about 10 years now."

Klein earns \$114,300 a year as premier.

MEDICINE HAT MALL MONITOR

SOAPBERRY SHOP
is pleased to have the
SALTA GYMNASTICS CLUB
perform at Medicine Hat Mall
Saturday October 2 at 1:30pm & 2:15pm
in Celebration of
SoapBerry Shop
World Gymnastic Challenge
Maple Leaf Gardens November 5th
Toronto
SoapBerry Shop 526-4665

The Medicine Hat Mall is
NOW OPEN
in its entirety
Sundays from
Noon to
5:00 p.m.

Starting
October 3, 1993

PLEASED TO BE YOUR NEIGHBOR

TOMORROW



\$2.1

MILLION