Robbery spree

By Lynne Cossar — a victim

Houses were burgled in Preston and Reservoir over Christmas and New Year at the rate of three a day.

And police expect more reports of break-ins to filter through as people return home from holidays.

Since Christmas Day 40 houses have been burgled. The main target of thieves has been for cash, jewellery and cash.

Acting officer in charge of Reservoir CID, Det. Sgt. Keith Proctor, said last week police had been busier than ever.

He said he did not hold out much hope of recovering stolen property if it could not be readily identified.

"House insurance is essential when families have both parents working," he said.

Drugs

Det. Sgt. Proctor said a lot of the break-ins were drug related.

The time taken to dispose of stolen property was short. It was important that residents and friends or family members or phone numbers, if possible, be readily identified.

While police tried to curb the number of house break-ins, the public about safety regulations remained the same.

People never expect that their houses would be the next target, he said.

"I am feeling very well and happy," she said.

When you walk through the front door of our house and you see things that have been stolen, it is heart-breaking.

Our window forced open and the back door was kicked in. The thieves were in all the rooms — all the stories of people losing everything.

Children even gave the children's Christmas presents and other children's money.

Two letters arrived offering to buy the house.

"Thank you for caring," the Hampton reader also sent a cheque and apologised: "I'm sorry it's not much, but when you are unemployed you don't do much anyway."

By next Christmas the economic gloom should be receding, but we'll be asking if the hero again is bringing even more hope and happiness to those still without.

And we are sure that, once again, we will be able to say "Thank you for caring and helping."

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Schools ready for this year’s young beginners

By CAROLYN RANCE

Victoria schools are better prepared to meet the needs of students for this fall, according to Elbridge White, director of student and educational services with the St. Catharines Board of Education.

He said that schools are ready for a new year of learning and growth among students.

"We have worked hard to ensure that all our schools are fully equipped with the resources and materials necessary for students to succeed," said White.

Among the improvements made to the schools are new furniture, updated technology, and additional classroom space.

White also emphasized the importance of teacher training and professional development, stating that all teachers have undergone extensive training to improve their teaching skills.

In addition, the school board has increased its focus on mental health and wellness, with the addition of more counseling staff and resources.

"We want our students to feel supported and valued, both academically and emotionally," said White.

Schools are also prepared to implement the new curriculum, which aims to improve students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

"We are excited for the new year and look forward to seeing how our students will thrive in this environment," said White.

Food Co-op will fight price rises

A group of local residents is planning to fight increasing food prices in its own way, joined by a new community food cooperative that was formed after a public meeting last year to address the high cost of food.

"We are tired of paying exorbitant prices for basic items," said one resident attending the meeting.

The Co-op will focus on sourcing local and sustainable food, offering members a lower price than those available in stores.

"We want to ensure that everyone has access to healthy, affordable food," said the resident.

The Co-op will also work to educate the community about the importance of a healthy diet and the benefits of locally grown food.

"We want to create a space where people can come together and learn about the importance of eating well," said another resident.

The Co-op will offer a variety of services, including a community garden, cooking classes, and workshops on healthy eating.

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"This is the life"

"This is the life" is a new shoe brand that has gained popularity among kids and adults alike.

"The shoes are comfortable and stylish, and they come in a variety of colors and sizes," said one customer.

The brand has also partnered with local schools to offer a discount to students.

"We want to support our community and give back to the places that support us," said the brand's founder.

"This is the life" shoes are available online and in select stores.

"Schools getting more help"

Keon Park Technical School is set to receive a $5,000 grant for a community language immersion study in the program restoration program.

"The grant is a much-needed boost for our program," said the school's principal.

The grant will be used to fund additional resources for the program, including software and materials.

"This is a critical time for our program, and the funding will make a huge difference," said the principal.

"We are looking forward to seeing the impact this grant will have on our students and the community," said the school's principal.
Handicapped groups to get host care

The Minister of Health Mr Tom Roger has approved the staffing of two local community residential units in the Rockhampton region.

One of the houses, near the base of the Mounts, is intended for children with physical and sensory disabilities, for emergency and respite care.

The other is in the town and is for institutionalized children and is intended for children with mental disabilities. It will be used for respite care and it will also provide for emergency care.

Mr Roger said he was pleased to approve the staffing of the units and that it was a step forward in providing better services for the community.

"It is pleasing to see the progress that has been made in this area, and it is important that we continue to provide good services to our community," he said.
With the economy the way it is now, that's a question a lot of young people aspiring to buy their first home, are asking.

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Home gardeners’ chance to learn

The Firth Annual Summer School for Home Gardeners: Melbourne University’s botany department will conduct a three-day course in native gardens, including talks on the use of native flowers and plants in gardens. The course will be held from 23rd to 25th June at the university's botanic gardens. The three-day course will cover topics such as selecting native species, managing water and soil, and creating a diverse and sustainable landscape that supports local wildlife. Participants will learn from experienced gardeners and botanists and receive practical hands-on training. This event is ideal for gardeners of all levels of expertise who want to create more environmentally friendly and sustainable gardens.

Bye-bye pie

That corner of the popular, the railway pie, soon will be no more than a memory.

Unfortunately, as per recent consultations with health authorities, the railway pie, a beloved symbol of Australian food culture, will be no more. Due to concerns about food safety and hygiene, the beloved pie will soon be discontinued across all railway stations. This decision is a part of a broader government initiative to improve public health and reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.

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**THE MAYOR INVITES EVERYBODY**

Their will be no Mayoral Ball in Preston this year. Instead there will be a mammoth Mayoral Barbecue.

Preston mayor, Councillor David Sheldon, made the decision to scrap the ball. He believes it has provided only limited participation.

A barbecue and picnic however will give all the citizens of Preston municipality the opportunity to meet one another, their mayor and councillors.

And on Sunday, February 28, a barbecue lunch and entertainment will be provided by the mayor.

"We hope to create a lot of community spirit out of this and have a good day," Councillor Sheldon said.

Everyone is invited to attend. The party will get underway about 11.30am.

The municipal band will perform between noon and 2pm followed by a concert. There will be displays from different organisations.

Meat, salads, soft drinks and tea and coffee will be served free. It is BYO for other drinks.

"We hope to see a lot of people there," Councillor Sheldon said.

See the Mayor's Diary, Page 4.

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**DRUG RING BOOSTING ROBBERIES**

*by Allen Jones*

Reservoir detectives have uncovered the operations of a highly organised gang of drug dealers and traffickers in the Preston-Reservoir area.

They say the drug dealers have been closely associated with housebreakers largely responsible for the big increase in burglaries during the past 12 months.

According to members of the anti-drug squad, headed by Det. Supt. Kim West and Det. Insp. Wayne Harvey, the drug dealers are prepared to exchange the proceeds of housebreaking, such as colour television sets and video recorders, for narcotics.

Drugs involved in the exchange include heroin and marijuana.

"Housebreakers are no longer peddling color television sets and other goods they sought electrical goods in need here and lounge," Det. Insp. West said.

"It has become a much more professional business.

"In exchange for the loot taken from burgled houses the thieves are supplied with drugs to support their drug-crave and the stolen property is disposed of through black market channels.

"A good proportion of it ends up in business contacts in other States," Det. Supt. West said.

The successful sting on drug dealers and traffickers in the Preston-Reservoir area has been part of the "Operation Roach", a state-wide operation launched by the Police Department.

"People with information likely to lead to the arrest of drug paddlers were urged to send in tips to the nearest police station.

Successful

The results, according to Reservoir detectives, were most encouraging.

Det. Supt. West said that the anti-drug blitz in Preston and Reservoir had been launched in August last year with much success.

It was significant that housebreakings and housebreakings generally in Preston and Reservoir had decreased in recent months and the crime situation at present could be said to be under control.

Det. Supt. West said that since August and up to January 11 nine men had been charged with drug trafficking and 10 others with possessing drugs.

Charges had also been preferred against men charged with other serious drug related crimes.

On Tuesday last the detective detailed two men in a car they intercepted in Reservoir.

One of the men was charged with possessing a drug and stolen jewellery.

Another was charged with selling hemp and Indian hemp.

Det. Supt. West said that most of those arrests were made when they were awaiting a court hearing, but that two had been convicted and jailed.

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**KIMBO KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE**

*Kiwi* having to wear spectacles is not something Narelle Zwar is happy about, but her friend and companion Kimbo the bear, also needs them.

Narelle, 7, and her friend were at the Preston Library last week for the school holiday program — and that's where they found plenty of fun, along with other young people and their bears.

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THE WARNING WAS HEEDED

The warning was heeded.

A task force could be set up in Preston to monitor the problem of glue sniffing and its effects on society.

Dr. Philip, a prominent psychiatrist, said that the problem was becoming increasingly severe and that there was a need for a comprehensive approach to dealing with it.

"This is not just a problem for the young," Dr. Philip explained. "Glue sniffing is spreading to all age groups, and the consequences are far more serious than we initially thought."

He added that the task force would work closely with local authorities, schools, and community groups to address the issue.

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A weighty problem

Weighting legislation was being used to target vulnerable populations and increase the burden on already overstretched services.

"It's not fair," said Mr. Johnson, representative of the concerned group. "These people are already struggling and now they have to worry about the weight of the law as well."

The situation was further complicated by the recent changes in government policies.

A recent report from the Department of Health highlighted the need for a more holistic approach to addressing the issue.

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Preston wins fight for peace at night

A State Government plan to introduce tighter controls on permits for 24-hour convenience stores has been hailed as a victory for both Preston and local residents.

"For years, the convenience stores have been causing trouble," said Ms. Smith, a local resident. "They were open all night, causing noise and disturbances."

"This is a huge win," said Mr. Lee, a local politician. "We have been fighting for this for years and finally we have prevailed."

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The train stops have been removed and the tea room has special decorations. Free entry. Travels for 15 hours each day, running to special waterfront suits made.

WEEK WILL HONOR STATE'S ELDERLY

Victory will have an official Senior Citizens Week next Month.

In cooperation with the Seattle Urban League and the State Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Bank of Commerce is sponsoring a weeklong celebration of the contributions of our older citizens to our community.

There will be a special luncheon for seniors at the bank's downtown headquarters, followed by a tour of the city's landmarks.

The events will culminate with a parade through the streets, featuring floats and marching bands.

Mental health move

'first' in state

Mental health program for aged

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We were glad to see that the menu includes a variety of choices for the wine lover. The wines are carefully selected and are served in appropriate glasses. The service is friendly and attentive, adding to the overall experience. The food is delicious and the atmosphere is perfect. This is a great place to enjoy a meal and wine.

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Preston Rotary Club has organized a peace and goodwill festival tour to a number of countries. The club's goal is to promote peace and understanding through cultural exchanges, music, and other forms of entertainment. The tour will include performances in countries such as Japan, Australia, and the United States.

The festival will feature a wide range of events, including concerts, dance performances, and cultural exhibitions. The participants will have the opportunity to experience the local culture and learn more about the other countries.

Compo claims fall through

People who have been threatened by a number of claims have turned to Compo. The claims have been made by a mysterious group who have threatened to disrupt the upcoming festival tour. The group has demanded a large sum of money from the Preston Rotary Club.

The festival organizers have tried to negotiate with the group, but the demands have been unreasonable. The group has threatened to disrupt the festival if their demands are not met. The organizers are now considering legal action.

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evening. She had just parked her car in the
parking garage of her apartment building when
one of the men approached her and offered
her a ride.

WALDRON'S CORRECTION
Scholarship Pulpers advertised in this newspaper 1/27/83, should have been
defined as "Scholarship Pulpers," not "Scholarship Pulpers.

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**EJ DOHERTY**

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SOLAR HOUSE TO BE PEOPLES CENTRE

by Lynne Cossar

The State Government has approved a $98,000 grant to build a school-community house at Preston East Technical School.

The low energy solar-designed house will serve as a day care centre for local children as well as a centre for community programs and meetings.

The project is being funded under the State Government's Employment Initiatives Program and will create four jobs for the long-term unemployed, as well as work for subcontractors.

The scheme was announced last week by the Member for Hotham, Mr Tony Sheehan.

"It's really an imaginative program," Mr Sheehan said. "I think it is one of the better projects to go through."

Mr Sheehan said it was planned to employ a building co-ordinator, a senior carpenter and two apprentices. Every attempt would be made to ensure that the long-term unemployed were employed in jobs through the local CES office.

"We hope that one of the three positions will be filled by a female," Mr Sheehan said.

About five subcontractors would be employed as well.

Function

The house will be situated at the Preston East Technical School and will be used for a range of school-community activities.

These include a resident meeting and activities, evening CAE courses, FRITA cross-age tutoring program and a facility for the school social music program where concerts are held for community organisations, such as service clubs and community citizen groups.

In particular, it is proposed that a mural of the house be built as a feature of the school's operation as a day care centre," Mr Sheehan said.

"As there are no day care centres in East Preston, there is a clear need for a readily accessible child care service for the residents of the estate."

'New citizens' day'

For 284 Preston and Reservoir people Australia Day 1983 will take on a special significance.

They are those who will be taking part in a naturalisation ceremony as part of Preston's contribution to Australia Day celebrations.

Conducting the ceremony will be the Mayor, Cr David Shelton.

The ceremony will be held on Monday, January 24 at 9:30 pm in the Town Hall. A supper will follow, with the Preston Municipal Band entertaining the new citizens and their friends.

Preston is following the lead of the State Government in promoting and developing a better observance of Australia Day.

Other activities planned by a special Preston Australia Day Committee include a pageant parade along Finders Street to the Town Hall and Father Cutten.

The committee has also decided to invite all the local schools to participate in the Naturalisation Ceremony in the Town Hall.

This will be a great opportunity for the children to learn about Australian history and the role of the citizen in this country.

'Solar house' to be opened

The new solar-designed house will be opened on January 24.

The house will be the first of its kind in Australia and is expected to set a new standard for energy-efficient building.

The house will be built using solar panels and other energy-saving technologies, providing a model for future construction.

The house will be open to the public on January 24 from 10 am to 4 pm, allowing visitors to see the house and learn about the features and benefits of solar technology.

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A BOOST FOR OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In this column last week I mentioned that the development of Melbourne's public transport system had taken place since the early 1900s. Further, I mentioned the various transport networks in operation and the moves to expand and improve them. The expansion of these systems was necessitated by the increasing population and the need for a more efficient transport network.

The system is now undergoing significant changes, with the introduction of new technologies and the expansion of existing routes. This will not only improve the efficiency of the system but also enhance the passenger experience.

STORY

Kim needs someone who'll help

With seven children, Kim's washing basket is a constant feature. Overcoming this ignores the larger issue of the child's education. A need for child care cannot be ignored. There is now a demand for a child care centre in the city. The government has just announced a plan to build a new centre near Kim's home. The centre will provide care for children aged from 0-5 years old.

Two on drug charges

Two juveniles have been charged with drug offences. They are currently being held in police custody. The police have seized a significant amount of drugs from their home. The investigation is ongoing, and more charges may be forthcoming.

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**Smokeout — a positive health move**

One of the prime trends at present is the need to keep fit, lose weight, be involved in some kind of exercise. It is not until one of the many new activity centres and gyms, with their weight lifters, yoga classes and health tips, that the impact of this trend is fully realized.

In the last few years, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of women attending health clubs, yoga classes and fitness studios. With the advent of skinny jeans and the emphasis on body shape, many women have taken to exercising to achieve a slimmer figure.

The General Manager of a gym in the city stated:

"The gym has seen a significant increase in the number of women customers. We have noticed that many women are looking for ways to improve their fitness and health.

"We have seen a trend towards women seeking fitness and health advice. They are looking for ways to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

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Midland —

A history with flair

Restaurant names are fascinating. Like racershox. Bertacchini is typical.

We died there last month. Prana—a name— it's dimpled with no idea of the origins of the name. The stylists didn't know, so we borrowed it.

But the name has a history. It's Prana. Initially, Prana was the name that we borrowed it. Prana was borrowed it.

The restaurant is on the ground floor, with a large front window and a large front door. The inside is open and airy, with high ceilings and large windows.

The name Prana is a blend of two names, Prana and Bertacchini. The name Bertacchini is derived from the Italian word Bertacchi, which means "butterfly." The name Prana is a combination of the word "prana," which means "life energy."

The restaurant is named Prana at Bertacchini, not because of the butterfly, but because of the energy. It is a place where people come to enjoy food and drink, to socialize, and to experience a unique dining experience.

We enjoyed our meal and would recommend Prana at Bertacchini to anyone looking for a great dining experience.
PART-TIME COURSES FOR 1983

TAFE courses prove popular

The all-campus study programs offered by Preston College of TAFE are proving very popular, co-ordinator, Mr Philp Mace, said.

The courses are offered in various fields such as office work, computer science, technical trades, and other professional areas. Mr Mace said the high demand indicates a growing interest in lifelong learning and career advancement.

Safety with flags

A Preston College student was recently on the alert for a potential fire hazard, thanks to the display of flags.

Mr John Smith, a mechanical engineering student, noticed smoke coming from a nearby building and immediately raised the alarm flag. This prevented a possible fire from spreading and ensured safety for all students and staff.

The Incident Response Team, comprising students and staff, quickly acted to contain the situation, resulting in a smooth resolution.

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The cattle and some sheep were brought in to keep the grass in check while the staff are on holidays, as well as helping the problem of feed for week's stock during the drought.

HOLD-UP

A hold-up man on his way to rob a service station startled when the sawed-off shotgun, he was carrying accidentally discharged.

His intended victim, the service station manager, told detectives he saw no flame issuing from the barrel of the shotgun. Police believe it may have been loaded with a blank cartridge.

The gunman intercepted the manager in High St, Preston, as he was about to lock up at 9 pm.

The bandit handed him a piece of cloth with a floral pattern and ordered him to hand over the money in the cash register.

The thief used the cloth to scoop up the money and then transferred it to a pocket of his overalls.

The cash haul totalled $440 in notes. A cheque for a little more than $777 was also pocketed.

The gunman escaped in a car which is believed to have been parked in a back street by an accomplice.

Police believe the same man held up another service station in Prahran less than an hour later.

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— Malcolm Fraser

'She'll be right' thinking not on

By JOHN MONKS Editor-in-Chief

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On Australia Day we need to think particularly of the very great achievements of those who came before us to lay the foundations of the Australia we know today. We are reminded again of the earliest settlers on this continent to whom we are indebted for much that is distinctively Australian and the First Fleeters who brought such dramatic change to a land that was to them strange and new.

National pride, however, is not simply a matter of actions of the past. It is sustained by how we act now in various areas of endeavor. For example, in the arts and sport, Australians have much to be proud of in the past year.

The opening of the Australian National Gallery by Her Majesty the Queen was an occasion of considerable pride for all Australians. The Gallery is a significant addition to the many important buildings in the national capital and its comprehensive art collection, with its special emphasis on the arts of Australia, is an exceptional national asset both for ourselves and future generations.

During this past year also, Australia's success at the Commonwealth Games is tangible evidence of our resurgence as a great sporting nation, and should encourage all Australians to be more conscious of the importance of sport in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

On this Australia Day, January 26, 1988, therefore let us see the opportunity both to recognize our achievements and to look to the ways in which we can continue to work together as a nation for the secure future we all seek.

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The flag symbolises Australia — but what kind of Australia? What ideals, what hopes, are shared among prominent Australians.

What does this flag really mean to you?
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The many, many steps to success

By Robert de Castella

Marathon running is a strange sort of sport: it seems to have its own set of rules; it is not a sport at all but a test of stamina. I would argue the reverse. Marathon running requires a great deal of training, dedication and mental strength. Is it not a sport at all but a test of dedication and mental strength?

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By Paul Higgins

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For details see Page 10

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