

# Safe treatment can rid head lice

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head lice occurs, Withers said the situation can sometimes become "blown out of proportion," and often there is a stigma attached to those who are found to have the parasites.

"Anyone can get head lice," Withers stated. "It has nothing to do with personal hygiene or economic status." Although adults

can be bugged by the problem, Withers noted that children are often the most affected group.

True to its name, the lice can be found on the human head where they get nutrition from blood much like a mosquito.

The lice do not jump from person to person, but rather move to a new head by direct contact, or by shared personal items such as hats, combs, stuffed toys, scarves

or clothes.

The lice live only on humans, and die within half a day if removed from a host head. Pets do not carry this species of lice, so the family dog cannot be blamed.

Constant scratching and itching are good indicators that one might have head lice. Small, rash-like red marks are also a sign that the parasites are present.

Withers, Assmusen and parent volunteers will be going around to area schools to look for these signs at the beginning of the school year.

They will examine the heads of all the students for lice and direct the student to appropriate treatment if they find any.

The nurses will also make a presentation to students discussing infestation, and parents can expect a letter explaining the facts of head lice infestation.

The letter points out that the lice are a nuisance or minor irritation. They do not carry any disease.

Parents who want to check for infestation should look for the child scratching his or her head frequently in addition to the red marks.

The adult lice can be found close to the scalp, and are usually found on the back of the head and near the scalp line by the ears.

The mature free-loaders are tiny crawling insects about 2-3 mm long and gray in colour. Like a mosquito, they pierce the skin and suck blood to obtain nutrients.

Because the adult lice are shy of light and comparatively fast moving, it might be easier to check for the presence of eggs.

Called "nits," the eggs are small, pearly white specks found 'glued' to the base of individual hair strands. The glue is actually a cement-like secretion that helps to keep the egg from moving.



Public Health Nurse Cathy Withers, above, says that local cases of head lice should not cause any great concern.

## Penner appointed to committee studying Child Care Act

Keith Penner, M.P. Cochrane - Superior, has been named Chairman of the legislative committee studying the proposed Child Care Act.

Mr. Penner will lead the Committee, which has been charged with studying Bill C-144. The Bill is an Act to Authorize Payments by Canada Toward the Provision of Child Care Services.

Penner was appointed to a Panel of Chairmen by the Speaker of The House of Commons, John Fraser, in 1986. Along with Penner, 20 members of Parliament will be asked to serve as chairmen of legislative committees.

As Chairmen, the 13 Conservative, 4 Liberal, 3 NDP, and 1 Independent members will act in a non-partisan manner to ensure that Parliamentary rules and procedures are enforced.

Penner was a member of a committee which studied ways to make the legislative process more effective. As a result of that committee's recommendations, the addition of Legislative Committees to the parliamentary process was implemented in 1985.

A legislative committee is formed to closely study the implications of a Bill once it has passed second reading in the House of Commons.

Once the Bill under study returns to the House for third reading, the committee is dissolved. The introduction of the legislative committee process was implemented to help relieve some of the workload of the much overburdened standing committees.

This appointment marks the second time Penner was called to serve as a Chairman. He was also appointed to this panel under House of Commons Speaker John Bosley in 1985.

Earlier this year, the Northern M.P. also chaired the legislative committee studying Bill C-82, an Act Respecting the Registration of Lobbyists.

In 1985, Penner presided over the legislative committee studying Bill C-65, an Act to Amend the R.C.M.P. Act.

Presently, as Liberal critic for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and for Forestry, he sits as a member on the standing committees on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and on Environment and Forestry.

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The Township of Terrace Bay will be holding their Regular Council meetings for the month of September on Monday the 12th at 7:00 p.m., and Monday the 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office.

The public is welcome to attend.

Contrary to popular belief, washing the hair frequently won't help get rid of the glue. Actually clean hair might help the lice because they stick to it better than they would to an oily surface.

If the little terrors are found, special shampoos are available to rid the offended head quickly.

A pharmacist can provide information on how to apply the shampoo, and will caution the user of possible side effects.

Once the affected child has been treated, parents should

check all members of the family.

In addition, personal items such as wash cloths, towels, etc., and clothing should be washed in very hot water and dried in the hot cycle for at least 20 minutes.

Children should be taught that, in the interests of public health, they do not share or borrow grooming aids or clothing. They should also keep winter clothes away from direct contact of another's.

To break the cycle, the nits must be removed. No one likes "nit-picking", but in this case it is highly recommended.

## Investigation of fatal auto accident over

By Greg Huneault  
the News

Despite not determining the cause of a two-car collision on August 16 east of Terrace Bay that claimed one life, Schreiber O.P.P. have concluded their investigation of the fatal accident.

The accident occurred about 1.5 kilometers east of Mill Road and involved two occupants in each car.

Marina Kornilova, of Astoria, New York, died when the car she was driving hit a car being driven by Gottlob Schmuecker and his wife, Elizabeth.

Catherine Stelmach, a 23-year-old resident of Oxford,

Conneticut, was the passenger and owner of the car Kornilova was driving. She was sent to hospital and later released after being treated for minor injuries.

Of the three survivors, Gottlob Schmuecker sustained the most serious injuries. He was hospitalized in McKellar Hospital in Thunder Bay with a serious fracture of the left leg among other injuries. He and his wife are residents of Augsburg, West Germany and are expected to return home shortly.

Police have not been able to determine why the car being driven by Stelmach suddenly veered across the centre line of a three-lane stretch and collided head-on with the Schmuecker vehicle.

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