

What is new around Vernon?

After the Easter Long Weekend, it is time to clear up a bunch of odds and ends.

... On Wednesday, Daily News sports writer JIM JUDD and yours truly will be among the guest waiters at McDonald's Restaurant on McHappy Day. McDonald's will donate \$1 from every Big Mac sold, Wednesday, to Ronald McDonald Houses. Plan to visit us during noon hour.

... Four Vernon girls have been selected to attend the B.C. Interior Midget Girls' Volleyball Team tryout camp this week, in Nelson.

RHONDA HENCZEL, JILL BELL, MARNIE LETT, and STACY STEIN survived the first cut last Friday. The trials end Friday, with a tourney scheduled Saturday.

... While we're talking about volleyball, Vernon's SHEILAGH GILLESPIE has been offered a tryout with the University of Victoria Vikettes.

... Plans are well under way for the largest slowpitch tournament ever held in the Okanagan.

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TOURNAMENT is expected to attract 90 teams from throughout Western Canada. The three-day event starts July 4.

Tournament Chairman JOHN TOPPING expects at least 60 out-of-town teams. "The tourney should bring Vernon merchants a much-needed \$250,000," he said.

... We'll be watching National Hockey League playoffs on television for the next two months, but the local hockey season ends this week with the BIG MOMMA'S PIZZA Pee Wee Tournament.

The eight-team tourney got under way today and concludes Thursday afternoon, at the Civic Arena.

... Congratulations to Vernon's EMIL KOKOTAILO RINK which recently won the B.C. Senior Men's Curling Championship in Salmon Arm. Last month, Kokotailo captured the Vernon Curling Club's senior championship.

... While we're dishing out praise, Vernon Pee Wee Rep Coach HUBERT PETERSEN deserves a pat on the back. After spending three years away from the demands of



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coaching a rep team, Petersen returned to the bench this season and did a great job with the local squad. He guided Vernon to the championship game at the Kerrisdale Tournament last weekend and now admits he'll probably apply to coach the pee wees again next winter.

Petersen coached Vernon pee wees in 1980 when they won the B.C. title. Among the stars on that squad were JEFF FINLEY, BRUCE MAJOR, BRENT GILCHRIST, and JAY STARK.

... DR. TERRY QUESNEL, chairman of the Motion Promotion, said there has been a lot of interest in the new event. Motion Promotion,

scheduled May 4, will feature teams comprised of a downhill skier, cross-country skier, two runners (10 km each), a cyclist, and two paddlers.

Quesnel said, "We'll be happy if we receive 20-25 entries, but judging from early enquiries, I think we'll have quite a few more than that."

Registration forms are available at the Far West downtown store and Priest Valley Veterinary Clinic.

... Rumors persist that CARL ENEMARK will sell VERNON LAKERS, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, to a local businessman.

After encouraging performances during the regular season, Lakers have lost in the first round of the BC-JHL playoffs for the last four consecutive years.

Whoever runs the club in 1986-87, they will have quite a rebuilding job. MURRAY BARON, SHAWN LOFROTH, TREVOR and TROY POHL, and SCOTT KING are apparently all going south with U.S. scholarships in their pockets. And the team's leading scorer, rookie sensation DENNIS HOLLAND, has joined Portland Winter Hawks.