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Surgery Suit

An Okanagan man is suing those who he feels are responsible for an alleged botched knee operation. In documents filed in BC Supreme Court, Kieran Buhler says a piece of cotton was left in his right leg during the surgery two years ago. He developed a serious infection, a fever, and suffered swelling and scarring which further damaged his knee joint. He's suing the hospital, the health authority, two surgeons and three nurses for damages. The allegations have not been proven in court.

News editor David French

Dam fix shouldn't affect B.C.

Operators of a U.S. dam still don't know how long it's going to take to fix a huge crack. The Wanapum dam is about half way down the Columbia system in Washington State. Three weeks ago workers noticed a massive crack and issued an immediate alert. Thomas Stredwick and the Grant Public Utility are determining how to fix the crack. Stredwick says the dam works in concert with the entire Columbia system, but, he says, their spillways should be able to handle spring runoff without impacting BC dams.

Cat killer guilty

Animal rights advocate are calling for a harsh sentence. A judge has found a Kamloops man, Steven Seidel, guilty of animal cruelty charges for strangling his pet cat to death last year. The SPCA's Chief Enforcement Officer Marcie Moriarty says the verdict sends a strong message. She is hoping for a harsh sentence. Seidel could face jail time and a life time ban on owning animals.

Mussels found entering B.C.

Okanagan Border agents and Conservation officers have stopped a boat found with Zebra or Quagga mussels on the hull. A large boat was stopped in Osoyoos, while it was being hauled to Kelowna from Texas. Border agents saw the mussels and Conservation officers brought in a decontamination unit to clean the boat the next day. The Okanagan Basin Water Board estimates it would cost tens of millions of dollars a year to control the species, if it gets into B.C. waters.