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CANADIAN $100 NOTES

Bogus bills bounce back

ABBOTSFORD - Police are warning merchants throughout the Lower Mainland to be aware of bogus $100 bills in circulation. So far eight have been passed in the Abbotsford area.

The bills, which are good quality photo copies, are the old type without the holographic symbol, and feel waxy to the touch.

On a normal bill one should be able to feel the raised ink imprint on the top line on the face of the bill, including the 100 imprint on the top right and left corners.

Any information regarding a suspect or fake bill should be directed to the Abbotsford Police at 859-5225 or CrimeStoppers at 855-TIPS(8477).

Grade 3 students from Bakerview Elementary school, Lovepriet Jassar and Ravi Ling, recently spent the morning in the UCFV chemistry lab doing experiments in chemistry and biology. UCFV lab technicians Aileen Ablog and Diane Burton led the enthusiastic children through a series of experiments as part of their involvement in the Scientists and Innovators in the Schools program.
Administered by Science World and funded by the provincial government, the project sends scientists, engineers, and technologists to schools throughout BC. The program has a positive influence on student's willingness to continue with science and math and it also helps keep teachers up to date on the latest scientific developments.
The women have taken their travelling science show to classrooms all the way from the Fraser Valley to Windermere, and also accept requests from teachers to bring their classes into the UCFV labs.

We'll just keep on growing

By KURT LANGMANN

ALDERGROVE - Growth has been healthy and steady throughout the township over the past two years and mayor John Scholtens predicts that we can expect the trends, good and bad, to continue in 1996.

In an interview with The Star this past week, he also predicts an evolution of new roles for local government, at both the municipal and regional level. While there is a movement towards amalgamation and centralization of authority, as recently seen in health and education, Scholtens said there would be benefits in "giving the regions more autonomy; I'm not for strongly centralized government. In the '90s we're looking to find every way to cut the cost of government, and we'll all be better off by saving the dollars for either tax reductions or providing more services." However, he pointed to the example of Langley school district's decentralized budgets as an example of fair operations to the rest of the province, because each school in the district receives the same dollar amount per student and each school administration draws up its annual operating budget accordingly. "I'd like to see every school in B.C. running like Langley's," and he said similar approaches should be taken by other levels of government.

The GVRD's recent decision to fully fund the Lulu Island sewage treatment plant upgrade -- a $120-million project mandated by the federal and provincial governments, but which they refuse to contribute funds to -- reflects the "Central Canadian attitude that B.C. is wealthy and spoiled. We may well be in some respects, but there's a lot of us that have frozen incomes, and this offloading is nibbling away at grocery and clothing budgets."

The Lulu Island project will cost homeowners an average $10 a year, once completed, on top of

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Lab gone with the wind

ALDERGROVE - Community Secondary School's entire computer lab was boosted by thieves just before Christmas.

Sometime overnight, Dec. 20-21, thieves broke into the school and made off with about $50,000 worth of equipment, although police said the system will have little value to the thieves because they were specially programmed for the school.

Missing goods include 17 Dextron 486 hard drives, three Panther hard drives, 13 VGA colour monitors, three laser printers (Epson, Raven and Hewlitt Packard), 30" Toshiba colour TV and Panasonic VCR.

Information on the break-in or missing property should be called to RCMP, 532-3200 or CrimeStoppers, 669-TIPS.

Assault at auto mall

ABBOTSFORD - Police have arrested a 33 year-old man after the assault of a security guard at the Abbotsford Auto Mall at 2:50 a.m, Thursday, December 21.

The 21 year-old guard had discovered John Paul Toews loitering at a dealership lot, when he was accosted and beaten with his own flashlight.

Police are considering charges of assault causing bodily harm, impaired driving and hit & run.

The guard was taken to MSA Hospital where he was treated for non life-threatening injuries.

OTTAWA PAYS ATTENTION

MP says he's put us on the country's map

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

ABBOTSFORD - Fraser Valley West MP Randy White has been busy this year putting Abbotsford, Aldergrove and Langley on the map of Canada.

He said that Ottawa knows where we are, which will mean something one day.

"They are listening to us, and that will be important one day," he said. "They now realize that problems are the same across the country, and we are more likely to get help if we need it, regardless of the issue. Ottawa has finally woken up and understands that the West is alive and well, not just a voting seat for elections."

White said the year has been good and positive, even though he has been involved in some really tough issues.

"We have taken some very sad stories and turned them around. It is very gratifying, and the community has shown their support with hundreds of supportive telephone calls and gifts of chocolates and flowers."

Some of the more important issues White has been working on are changes to the immigration and criminal justice systems.

"This year we opened the 'door of wisdom' in regards to the prison system," he said. "For example the rights of prisoners to refuse work, receive UI, overtime pay, Canada Pension, GST rebates, subsidized cigarettes, free golf, condoms and conjugal visits.

"We will keep on disclosing these issues because the system has softened so much that it is no longer a deterrent to crime."

However the most important work is yet to come. White is looking to the year ahead and planning his next moves.

. Next year White will become the 'Crime Critic for B.C.' He will be critic of corrections issues, parole issues and the RCMP.

As part of his new job, he will be looking into Global Corrections, a company that builds and operates prisons.

"An immediate benefit to the system would be a 20% cut in operating costs for prisons across Canada, or about $200 million," he said.

"Prison staff don't have to worry about their jobs because it is obvious due to the overcrowding that we need more prisons and the whole system needs revision and changes."

High on the list for next year is trying to combat the drug problem in prisons.

"Prisons have a zero tolerance policy on drugs, but then they turn around and supply bleach for needles to prevent the transmission of HIV. How can we win the war on drugs on the outside if it is the number one problem on the inside?"

White said that the refusal by Reform MPs (except one) to accept the MP Pension plan is both rewarding and satisfying .

"If I get elected again, I would be entitled to $29,000 a year for the rest of my life, and that's a lot of money for nothing really. Everyone else accepting the pension is just feeding at the trough."

He called the Quebec Referendum 'exasperating.'

"The vote was, as predicted, the worst of all possibilities, but typically Canadian," he said. "I am appalled at the Liberals for not telling Quebecers what is really at stake if they separate. All they did was say 'this is Canada, and you

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Shooter to get treatment

ABBOTSFORD - A 62 year-old man, who was involved in a shooting incident with police in October, has been remanded to Colony Farm for treatment as a person 'certified in need of treatment,' rendering him unfit to stand trial.

Jurgen Karl Herbert Gunter Achenbach is expected to appear before the court again in January for a fitness hearing. If he is determined unfit to stand trial he will be remanded in custody pending a decision from the Attorney General.

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LANGLEY BLOOMS DESPITE PAINS

Government undergoing changes here

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the average $85 GVRD levy. "We are being nickled and dimed to death at the GVRD level. When the GVRD was established, the philosophy was that each member's share was relatively small but it's been growing at a phenomenal rate -- at first it was only $12 a year. And at one time, the senior governments paid 100 percent of sewer project costs, but they no longer have the money. There is a danger that as the GVRD adds programs it only adds to the cost."

The Agricultural Land Reserve issue is "a two-edged sword: the finetuning work to make agricultural pursuits viable is good, but there is great pressure to allow exclusions for political reasons. The Agricultural Land Commission is a disappointment, however, because it's a one-purpose agency and none of the other costs, social and economic are considered."

He cited recent development of Murrayville as an example: "It cost $300-million extra because no road was allowed through the ALR. We all ended up paying this, as well as destroying perfectly good homes that were in the way of the route we had to take. This is not good stewardship. When the ALR was established 24 years ago, the plan was for natural growth to be allowed -- Aldergrove is due for that -- and a bypass here would allow for moderate growth. A similar situation is 64th and Mufford, where a new alignment is needed far from the bypass.

"Then we can have proper buffers, because the present borders between farms and other uses are not great. Farming has also changed greatly over the past 24 years. It used to be mostly field-related, spread out, but now only intensive farming is viable and the odours and noise don't mix well with residences.

"The ALC have most difficult roles, I won't minimize their tasks, but the test of the ALR and commission is will they get their mind around the well-being of the entire community."

Mayor John Scholtens

One suggestion Scholtens has on the matter is a rethinking of B.C. Assessment Authority's farm exemptions, which forces large landowners to either clear properties of trees for farm or other uses. He'd like to see retention of trees encouraged -- "the current policy is out of synch with today's environmental values" -- by taxing agricultural lands and treed buffer lands at a lower rate, while "taxing the home and homesite of the owner like any other residential property. It's not a difficult problem, you don't need a PhD in economics -- just assess the area of property actually being used as residence at a residential rate, so you don't have to clear the whole thing to keep your taxes low. That dates back to a '50s or '60s mindset, when we thought we'd all starve to death if we didn't have enough farmland."

Transportation is an important issue here as well. "We haven't built a major east-west road in 25 years, and we're now paying the price. The routes are all gridlock. We see a steady stream of traffic along 56 Avenue from Surrey to Abbotsford, but it was only designed for local use. Protection of the rail connection for future transit use is something we have to do. Bus service -- we're exploring 'small city' transit options, because we're really at the tailend of the GVRD system and there's a real need for internal service."

Other local services are, for the most part, in good shape. While the growth rate may not continue at current boom levels, the past two years have seen $60-million invested in township development projects. "Township planner Kurt Alberts told me he was just amazed with the total, after all the calculations had been done the other day. Gloucester Industrial Estates is waiting to burst: getting going is the hardest part. Willowbrook took a long time, but it and Northwest Industrial Park are just booming, providing good jobs close to home and great tax revenues.

"Langley has a lot to offer: jobs, the presence of the ALR and new parks, the Fraser River is there, lots of open space -- it's a real gift.

"On safety and security issues, the violent crimes and B&Es are coming down slowly. We have increased the number of RCMP officers, set up three community policing stations with volunteers, have RCMP bike patrols of the parks and playgrounds, new and improved school-police liaison offices, and we'll be adding six more officers in 1996. The fire department provides excellent service, and we're always improving their training and equipment."

Scholtens is pleased that his council is "focussed as a team. Surrey council's troubles are a real warning to all. We have good, healthy debates, but once we decide, all respect the decision and this means clear instructions to staff. As the chair, the mayor has advantages and disadvantages -- I generally concur with council but sometimes I want a heavier debate. But the joy is that the conclusion is usually better than any one's personal position.

"A mayor has a lot of influence throughout -- the mayor is elected by a large majority and is involved fulltime, consequently there's a lot of opportunity to get a really good sense of the public's concerns and likes. My position reflects people's feelings on a day-to-day basis -- families here have wholesome interests in parks, safety, environment and so on."

Drug use climbing higher

VICTORIA – Between July 1994 and July 1995 British Columbia's population grew by 2.6 percent. During the same period Canada's population increased by 1.2 percent. The fastest growing city in B.C. is Courtenay on Vancouver Island (9.5% growth).

In 1994, 7.4 percent of Canadians smoked pot, up from 6.5 per five years earlier. 3.8 percent of the population now uses (or at one point has used) cocaine or crack. This is up from 3.5 percent in 1989.

An estimated quarter of a million Canadians are current users of LSD.

Figures are contained in reports from the B.C. Ministry of Government Services and Health Canada.

Crash kills passenger

SURREY - Police are investigating a single car accident which happened on Harvie Road and 88 Avenue, just after 4 p.m, Friday, December 22.

A 1986 Hyundai Pony, driven by Baljit Singh Bilen, was travelling south on Harvie when it collided with a concrete no-post barrier and overturned.

The passenger, 51 year-old Chavinder Singh Bilen was transported to Royal Columbian Hospital where he later died of his injuries. The driver was taken to Langley Memorial Hospital and released after being treated for minor injuries.

Alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor.

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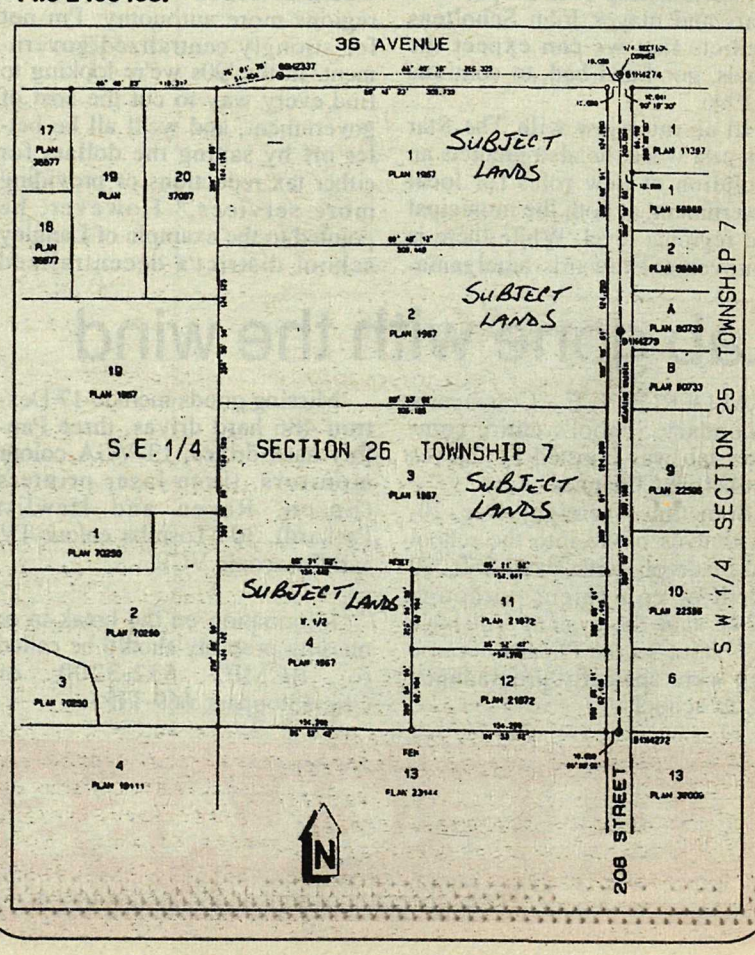

Healthy real estate market seen for BC

KELOWNA – The future looks optimistic for the British Columbia real estate market. A recent independent survey of 500 homes indicates that as many as 17% of B.C. residents are contemplating buying or selling during the next 12 months.

Since the sampling covers all major regions in the province, the response margin suggests some B.C. markets may be more active than others. It appears that people in the Cariboo region (18-23% of those polled) are more likely to be purchasing or selling a home in 1996, while people in the Kootenay region (5% of those polled) are less likely to be moving.

Robert H. Cherot, president and regional director of RE/MAX of western Canada, says that although it may seem like a small percentage of the population is planning real estate ventures, renewed consumer optimism could translate into a stronger real estate market year for 1996.

"Considering the positive results of the poll, an adequate supply of buyers together with a sufficient inventory of properties should allow for a healthy and balanced market in British Columbia during the coming year," Cherot said. "And the recent decline in mortgage rates will certainly help spur further interest in the real estate market throughout Western Canada.

Cherot notes that current CMHC projections support these findings and suggest the BC market will continue to be bolstered by migration from Asia and other Canadian provinces. "The latest Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation report forecasts an increase in B.C. housing sales to 64,000 in 1996. For the next 12 months, migration to Vancouver from within Canada and Asia alone is predicted at between 40,000 to 50,000 people"

Closer to home, figures show a three percent decrease in Aldergrove's residential activity from 1994 to 1995." Ten percent of Aldergrove home owners moved in 1994 and seven percent moved in 1995; 242-sales were recorded in our community so far this year compared with 343 recorded sales in 1994. The CV poll prediction of nine percent average sales in B.C., gives us an optimistic view of the real estate market for 1996," said Vic Peters of Aldercentre Realty.

Reformers would pay debt

VANCOUVER – A B.C. Reform government would pay off the province's $10-billion direct debt in 10 years, while decreasing taxes, party-leader Jack Weisgerber has pledged.

Speaking to the Fraser Institute, the Vancouver-based free enterprise research bureau, Weisgerber promised to pay off the government's accumulated operating deficit at a rate of $1-billion a year.

He said he would accomplish this by reducing the public payroll by 15 percent – an estimated $1.8-billion annually.

The Reformers would also pass a law making it illegal to budget deficits without either unanimous approval of the legislature or approval by the public through a referendum.

"Sweeping fiscal and social reforms will only succeed over the long term if they are consistent with the wishes of the majority," Weisgerber said.

The Reform leader did not say whether he would accomplish the 15 percent payroll cut by reducing staff or rolling back wages.

Top 10 scams of 1995

VANCOUVER – Consumer-ripoffs of recent years found no lack of victims in 1995 as clever con artists continued to ply their trades. This rundown of the most common scams of 1995 will give you expert advice on how to avoid being taken in 1996.

"You don't have to be a victim", said Valerie MacLean, Better Business Bureau general manager. "Insist upon time to investigate any offer, and ask for additional information. Legitimate firms will give that time. They're not afraid to have you check them out."

In order of activity the scams of '95 were:

1. **Foreign Lotteries** - local companies, targeting primarily American residents with confusing direct marketing, gave BC a very black eye when, after spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, their customers received no numbers, no tickets and no winnings. BBB implores consumers to be skeptical of any third party guaranteeing winnings. Lotteries are games of chance with very long odds, more so when the companies are located outside the country.

2. **You have won...send $$** - postcards and telephone calls offering congratulations for "winning" a boat (read 'rubber raft'), exotic vacation (read 'buy a vacation certificate'), or cash (read 'never given') were the second most common scam this year. BBB urges consumers receiving such offers to keep a cool head and a firm hand on their wallets. If you've "won" a prize, you don't have to pay for it.

3. **Pyramid schemes masquerading as multi-level selling opportunities** - these had hundreds of 'wannabe' participants screaming at BBB for offering a cautionary report and yelling even louder when the schemes collapsed and they lost their $$$. BBB reminds, if the emphasis is on recruitment and not on the sale of product, participants entering such schemes at the tail end will surely lose their money.

4. **Advance Fee Loan Scams** - these charge a non-refundable processing fee for a "guaranteed" loan that seldom materializes. Some local companies are taking fees but leaving hundreds of US and Canadian victims out of pocket and without loans. Says BBB, don't believe ads that promise loans, even if you have poor credit, and don't pay a fee for someone to guarantee you money. Debt counselling is available free of charge through the Debtor's Assistance branch of the provincial government.

5. **Work-at-Home Schemes** - fuelled by the economic pressures of downsizing, early retirement and the need for multi-income sources, these schemes flourished in '95. Envelope stuffing led the list followed by World's Magic Christmas, crafts on a piecework basis. Neither scheme netted income to participants but perpetrators cleaned up. BBB says be skeptical if any employment 'opportunity' requires you to send cash before you 'work'.

6. **Bogus charities and fund raising schemes** - uncharitable fund raisers annually take advantage of countless individuals and B.C. small business. Warns BBB, watch out for appeals that are long on emotion and short on describing what actions the charity is taking to provide services. If you're contacted by a fund raiser for an unfamiliar charity, request additional information before making a contribution.

7. **Nigerian money laundering opportunities** - now reported to be sort of a Nigerian-work-at-home scheme, thousands of letters offering a share of ill-gotten proceeds have flooded our marketplace this year. Relying on greed and gullibility to draw victims in, and fear of reprisal to keep them in line, this plague has irritated our business community totally. However, unlike Calgary where victims are estimated to have coughed up over $2-billion, BC business has consistently put the offers where they belong - in the waste basket.

8. **900 Numbers** - seniors unfamiliar with this new technology, fell for this one in large numbers. Blinded by direct mail half truths, they blithely paid up to $40 to phone a 900 number to "verify" sweepstakes winnings. For their trouble they received cheques for $1.37, some of which bounced. Reminds BBB, 900 numbers cost money.

9. **Unsolicited Invoices** - targeted to businesses, large or small, on the chance that they will not be verified for payment, these look-like invoices are again being circulated here after an absence of a year or two. BBB advises: read invoices carefully, verify receipt of goods and validity of orders.

10. **Employment opportunities** - enterprising con artists, selling out-of-date job lists for $40 or more, disappointed hundreds of needy workers. BBB cautions, if you're looking for work, use free resources, such as the classified sections of your daily/weekly papers, the Employment News or the public library. Be skeptical of any 'opportunity' that requires you to send in money first.

Millions to buy multi-cultural votes

VICTORIA – BC Reform leader Jack Weisgerber has accused the NDP government of misappropriating funding approved by the Legislature last year for "unanticipated and contingent events" and "new programs." He said that he will be asking the Public Accounts Committee to investigate why an additional $3.8-million for "Multiculturalism and Human Rights Initiatives" was authorized to be taken from funds approved under Vote 60 in 1994-95.

"The ministry shows that it spent $5.7-million of its budget for multiculturalism, when in fact, an additional $3.8-million was quietly lifted from contingency funds.

That means that funding for multiculturalism, immigration and human rights was really $9.5-million last year - not $5.7-million. In other words, the amount spent was actually 66 percent higher for those programs than budgeted, and most of that money was for grants.

The multiculturalism budget has become a political slush fund that should be abolished. And at the very least, taxpayers deserve a thorough accounting of every penny spent and a value-for-money audit by the Auditor General's office."

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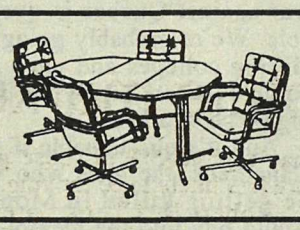

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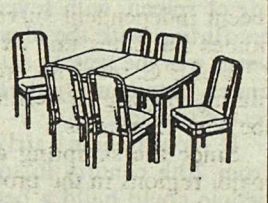

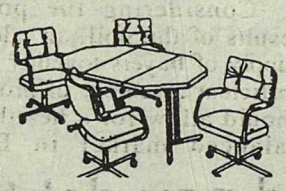

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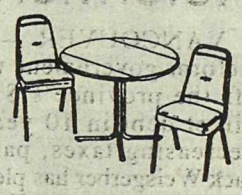

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Quebec doggedly sticks to the program, despite pleas

LANGLEY - A letter from a local man to Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard elicited a response from the office of the leader of the opposition that says "the Bloc is convinced that sovereignty remains the only possible solution."

Eric Bysouth wrote to Bouchard, Nov. 5, asking "exactly what those citizens in Quebec who are not satisfied with the federal system want? What is needed to make the federal system work for us all?"

Bysouth suggested that because B.C. residents have never been able to define the problem from Quebec's point of view, and vice versa, perhaps "if we have a similar wish list then people may be able to reach consensus as to what needs to be done... some powers now controlled at the federal level must be changed to provincial control. In fact, some provincial powers may be better managed at the municipal level."

Bysouth said, "I am concerned that when any population is deeply divided it only takes one disturbed individual to fire a shot in anger and create a major problem. Many may suffer as a result. Surely civilized people can work together for the common good. Your cooperation and assistance would be appreciated."

Bouchard's political assistant in his correspondence unit, Patrick Charette wrote back on Dec. 12 that they "appreciate" the interest, however, "With respect to the referendum held in Quebec this past October 30, the Bloc Quebecois believes that the outcome of the referendum clearly demonstrates that the sovereigntist movement is more alive then (sic) ever, and that the entire Canadian problem still remains. The Bloc is of the opinion that after thirty years of futile attempts to develop within the Canadian confederation, Quebec must control all of the powers necessary to establish the policies corresponding to its own priorities.

"The proposals put forward by Prime Minister Jean Chretien do not respond in any way to Quebec's legitimate aspirations. The Quebec people will not be satisfied with simple, meaningless, cosmetic changes, nor vague administrative reforms which fall short of Quebec's historic minimal demands. That is why the Bloc is convinced that sovereignty remains the only possible solution," said Charette.

Another local resident remains undaunted by this hard line and the spurned offers, however. A senior citizen here is circulating a petition which calls upon Canadian Airlines and other carriers to "consider offering reduced fares to Quebecers so that they may see for themselves the grandeur of this land all the way to the Pacific coast. Hopefully, this will be an early step in helping Quebecers rethink their position and ultimately banish further thought for a referendum on separation."

The petition was inspired by the reduced airfares offered to Canadians who travelled to Quebec to help the No side rallies in Montreal, just before the referendum, said Ruth Erickson. "How much the event affected the outcome is not known, but we can be sure that such a display of caring from all parts of the nation for one troubled part, did much to raise the awareness of many to the importance every individual plays in any event, and gained much in the world's regard for Canada."

Quebec not worth drop of blood

By ALEC TULLY

CRESTON – Recently in this Kootenay town there was some alarming talk about bloodshed over separatism in Quebec.

The mood was ugly as about 120 people gathered for Kootenay East MP Jim Abbott's town hall meeting.

It proved a night for the venting of spleen, with several speakers flirting with the idea that violence was the way to settle differences between Quebec and the rest of Canada.

It would seem fairly evident from 20th century history that if people could build a better world by killing others who disagree with them, paradise would have been well established by now.

Should the people of Quebec democratically opt for separation, then that is their will and so be it. They could never successfully be held captive within Confederation against their will.

It's true there could be disagreement between Canada and an independent Quebec about things like borders, or the status of persons in Quebec who don't want to leave Canada.

Determining how these kinds of issues could be resolved is difficult, because at this point they are still hypothetical. But resorting to violence is hardly a propitious course of action.

Canadians don't have to look very far in space or in time to see that, instead of solving problems, bloodshed perpetuates them.

At any rate, the Canadian government is broke, so financing a war against Quebec is questionable. We're probably going to be closing colleges and universities soon. We can hardly be buying high-tech weaponry.

And it's questionable if young Canadians, the ones who would be getting killed in Montreal, would buy into the idea of dying over a distinct society. There was scarcely a soul under 30 at Abbott's town hall meeting.

We must hope Canadians will steer clear of the disastrous shoals of civil strife.

Letters invited

The Aldergrove Star invites letters to the editor on topics of interest to the community. The letters-to-the-editor column is a chance for comment on what has been said in the paper. It is our readers' opportunity to respond to what newsmakers of the area have been saying. We especially encourage readers to write on topics of local interest, although letters which enlighten or stimulate thought are welcome. We ask that letters be free of libel and bear the name and address of the author. Submissions must include a written signature. We prefer letters to be typed and double spaced, and present the comment as clearly and briefly as possible. The editor reserves the right to condense or reject letters containing libel or of poor taste.

LETTERS

Time to get off the fence

Editor, The Star, Sir,

It was interesting to read the articles in the various local papers regarding the awarding of a towing contract to Clover Towing last week. Township administration should get together so it has its story straight.

In one article, Mr. Edwards is quoted as saying that "three out of the four companies which submitted proposals did not provide audited financial statements, failed to provide information on a site, and offered no details on a revenue sharing proposal."

First, if Clover Towing proposed revenue sharing, then D & R Towing didn't. Mr. Edwards stated that only one company would revenue share. It shows, on an "evaluation chart" given to selected parties at the December 18 Council meeting, quite clearly the amount D & R Towing was willing to share. Under Clover Towing, the only statement was "revenue sharing." How is it that administration cannot release the amount Clover Towing is willing to share, because "the company's position could be jeopardized if a new proposal or tender call were to be entertained by the City or Township", yet release D & R's figures for revenue sharing? Doesn't one company deserve the same consideration as any other? Why does Clover Towing get special consideration regarding its revenue sharing proposal, but not D & R Towing? What is the real reason for the secrecy regarding revenue sharing? Perhaps that question will be answered when it comes time to account for the Township's income and expenses.

Second, if Mr. Edwards read our proposal, we not only stated the location of our outdoor, 24-hour compound, we stated that we have indoor, alarmed storage for those vehicles which require it. We also gave information on another site at 31B Avenue and 261 Street that we were willing to rent if necessary.

Third, as this was only a proposal for services, confidential company finance information should not have even been considered. When a tender is called, then financial information may be requested.

Mr. Edwards stated that "Clover Towing has the expertise, facilities, and financial stability to provide towing services and storage facility for the Township." Did Mr. Edwards actually read all of the proposals? At this point in time I am seriously beginning to doubt it. If he did, he must not know very much about recovery equipment and the experience necessary to safely operate that equipment. There is not one person on the current contractor's staff who can match the experience of our top three drivers. How many of the other proponents listed the experience of all its employees, not just the senior ones? As far as financial stability, does thirty-two years in business not speak for itself? Who was on this evaluation committee, and what qualifications do they have to evaluate the services provided by towing companies? It appears, through all of the published and unpublished reports, that there are deals struck behind closed doors without any thought given to those who have paid their dues. It appears that many council members blindly make decisions which affect many people without careful consideration of the true facts.

Councillor Arnason is right - the majority of the present council seems to think that "new and innovative ways of doing business: means how much money can the Township get in without giving back too much. I wonder how many people in Aldergrove would support amalgamation with the City when they realize how many of their tax dollars will go to service the populated western portion of the "City". Maybe the Township should go to the ward system, with each Councillor accountable to the constituents they purport to serve. It is time for Aldergrove's businesses and residents to get off the fence and demand some attention from its elected officials, local, provincial, and federal.

TAMI QUIRING
Aldergrove

LETTERS

Thoughts turn to the good folks we love

Editor, The Star, Sir,

The following Christmas greetings and thanks were received by the Aldergrove Thrift Shop volunteers and executive from one of the many families they have helped over the years:

"Once again at this special time of year when we remember all the good people in our lives, our thoughts turn to you all.

"Thanks you first of all for being here for us. The kindness of people who donate the good used household items, clothing, toys, books, tapes, etc., are absolutely crucial to our economic survival. We are doing fine. We were able to clothe our children (right down to the gym shoes!) again this year for school. We were able to pick up party gifts (stuffed toys to dress up, good used books and knickknacks, etc.) and replace essential household items that have worn out.

"Thank you most of all for the reasonable prices. You do not know how relieved we are when your wonderful volunteer staff casually say, "Oh, let's just say $_.__ even." You are all so kind and generous and work so hard. We hope you have a wonderful, restful Christmas. Our best wishes always."

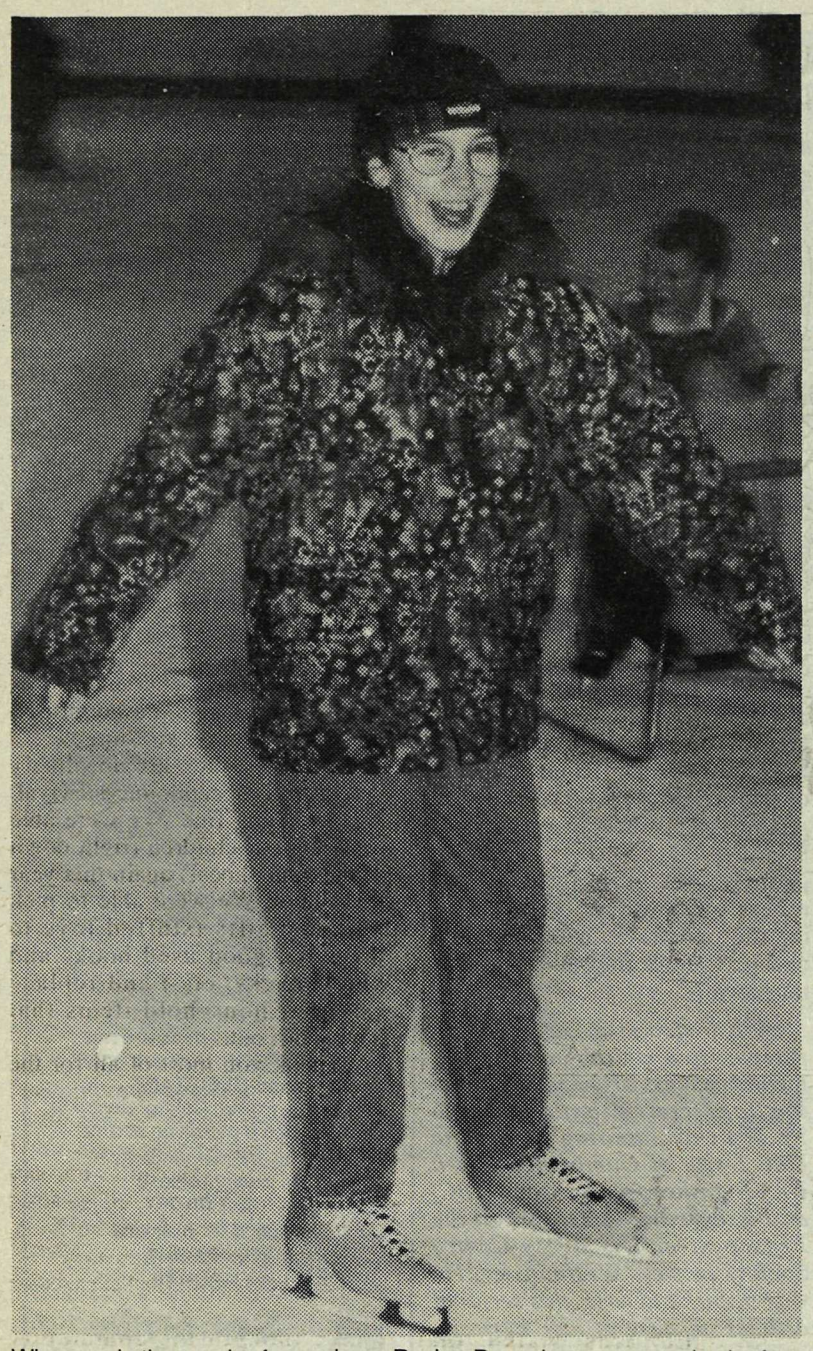
We thought the community would like to share this message from one of the families we've all helped this past year with our contributions. We all play a role, however small, in making this a great community to live in.

MARY SANDERSON,
Aldergrove Thrift Shop

Killer

The killer is about,
what will you do?
He's on the loose,
is he coming after you?
There's a killer about,
it said so on the news,
the media and police
gave grave reviews
of what he might do,if
on the street he found you.
Are we to believe
that he is the only one?
On the street seeking
a would-be heroine.
When he is caught,
what will you do?
Go back to normal,
"thank God it's through."
When he is in a cell
will that be the end
of your "on the street hell?"
It amazes me sometimes
just to think
of how one man can
drive the valley to the brink.
Are we so stupid to believe
that he's the only one to conceive
a crime of such a brutal nature?
Banish him,
the problem's gone forever!
There are a million
"him"s out there,
yet normally, we seem not to care.
Because one girl was murdered,
we are on our guard.
When it is avenged,
we forget she's been marred.
We go on with our every day lives,
home to our children, parents,
husbands, and wives.
We must always remember
that he is not the only one.
That if we beat him,
we still have not won.

LOUIS LINDSAY,
Aldergrove



Who needs the crush of crowds on Boxing Day when you can shed a few Christmas pounds skating round the arena? Best of all, local realtor Dan Flokstra treated the public to free ice time that afternoon, as a gesture of goodwill and peace to all this holiday season, followed by more free ice time courtesy of the township government, owners of the arena. There is all kinds of hockey action continuing this week, during Christmas break, but for public ice times give the recreation department a call at 856-2899. Even when it's not free, it's good and cheap fun for all the family and keeps you in shape. -Kurt Langmann photo

Bruins finish strong

ALDERGROVE – The Western Line Painting Pee Wee A Bruins finished the first half of their schedule with two strong performances. On Dec. 19 the Bruins lost 9-5 to Langley, and Dec. 21 they fought North Delta to a 5-5 stalemate.

Langley opened a slim 2-1 lead after the first period against Langley. Mark Cassibo, unassisted, scored for Aldergrove.

The teams split six goals in a wild second period. Mark Cassibo finished off a three way passing play with Matt Keith and David Mamchur for Aldergrove's second goal, then hammered in a rebound after a sustained goal mouth scramble. Mike Roberts, with help from Matt Keith and Marc Windle, scored the Bruins' fourth goal.

The shorthanded Bruins were outscored 4-1 in the final stanza. Ryan Costello smacked in a Mike Haber rebound for the Bruins' tally.

Ice chips: The Bruins were in this game up to the final minutes. Langley led by only one goal (6-5) until they notched 3 goals in the final 5 minutes to pull away...The Bruins turned in a gritty performance as they had only 11 skaters - 2 injuries and 2 with other commitments diminished their ranks...Numbers are not that important: if those that show up for the game put in the effort, and in this case they surely did, the short bench can be overcome...Mark Cassibo dented the twine on the first 3 Aldergrove goals for the hat trick.

The Bruins hosted North Delta on Dec. 21, and skated off with a 5-5 tie. After a scoreless first period the Bruins jumped into a 4-2 lead heading into the final frame. Ryan Costello drilled a Mike Haber rebound into the North Delta net for the opening salvo. It was the Mike Roberts show for the balance of the period as the team captain fired 3 straight goals. The first two were the result of nifty passing by Simon Whitlock, and the third was a great short handed effort. Mike Haber got the puck to Roberts at centre ice, and the captain broke around the D man and fired a shot that eluded the visitors' puckstopper.

The visitors were upset, and they retaliated by scoring the first 3 goals of the third period to take a 5-4 lead. With less than a minute remaining and goaltender Davis Parley on the bench for the extra attacker the Bruins' Mark Cassibo, assisted by Mike Roberts, tied the game with only 39 seconds left on the clock.

Ice chips: While the Bruins will take the point this was their game. At one time they led 4-1 and were in good control of the game...Alas, these teams all have snipers, and a little let-up proved costly to the Bruins...The Bruins are looking forward to getting D men Schultz and Strandt back into the line-up in January.

Tree chippers

LANGLEY – District Scouts' sixth annual Christmas tree chipping and recycling takes place on Saturday, January 6, 8:30 am to 3:55 pm. There are five locations:

•Keg in the country - 200 St. & 91A Ave.

•Square One site - Fraser Hwy. & Glover Road

•Brookswood Secondary School - 209 St. & 37A Ave.

•Murrayville Elementary School - 218 St. & 48A Ave.

•Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion - 26607 Fraser Hwy.

The reason for this project is to prevent damage to the atmosphere caused by burning trees. Trees are chipped and recycled, and 2,000 seedlings donated by MacMillan Bloedell will be distributed by the Langley Kiwanis.

Donations will be gratefully accepted in support of Scouting programs.

Bowlers strike out to assist needy kids

ALDERGROVE – Alder Lanes bowlers will be bowling their best game for British Columbia's children with special needs during Variety Club's B.C. Bowls for Kids fund raising campaign, beginning January 6 and continuing through January 21.

This will be the 10th annual B.C. Bowls for Kids campaign supported by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of British Columbia, some 100 bowling centres throughout the province. In the nine previous years, B.C. bowlers have raised in excess of $1,000,000 in support of Variety Club's many programs for children. Some bowling centres such as Willowbrook Lanes in Langley and Varsity Ridge Lanes in Vancouver are approaching the $100,000 mark in money raised.

Bowlers are encouraged to pick up pledge forms from Alder Lanes, sign up supporters to pledge a nominal amount per point, and then bowl their best game. Bowlers who participate in B.C. Bowls for Kids can win one of three prizes: a one week trip for four to Disneyland, California; a one week trip for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; or a weekend trip for two to San Francisco, California. The draw date for the prizes will be March 30, 1996.

Holy Cross defeated

ALDERGROVE - Senior Totem girls basketball team defeated Holy Cross 46-39 in a Dec. 12 home game. Rayna Gibbs marked 18 points alone for the Totems, followed by Liz Clermont (10), Darci Arsene (8), Donna Hayes (6) and two each for Jill Atkinson and Chrissy Hipwell.

No canning in the field

VANCOUVER – An amendment to the British Columbia Sport Fishing Regulations by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans means that canning of sport-caught salmon in the field is no longer allowed.

Field canning of other species of fish and of all fish caught in non-tidal waters has been prohibited for many years. Canning of fish is permitted at a person's ordinary residence, and at establishments licensed to process sport-caught fish, where appropriate documentation stating species, numbers, weight and size of fish must be supplied.

Section 36 of the Fishery (General) Regulations made under the Fisheries Act requires that persons in possession of sport-caught fish must ensure that the fish can be readily identified, counted, weighed and measured.

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11:31 SEA J.Craig u/a
12:30 SEA T.Pettit (E.Amuenl)

PERIOD 2

4:06 SEA T.Pettit (E.Amuenl)
4:45 SEA PP T.Pettit (E.Amuenl)
8:20 SEA PP E.Amuenl u/a

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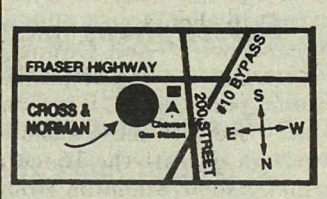

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Mini-soccer fosters young talents in search of glory

VANCOUVER - Several local teams are among the 1,800 mini-soccer players who've converged on B.C. Place Stadium for the tenth annual Canada Safeway Mini-Soccer Festival, Dec. 27-30. There are 150 teams from near and far participating, including Langley United Rowdies (under 10 boys), Aldergrove Strikers (under 10 girls), Langley United Sharks (under 8 boys) and Langley Terminators (under 9 boys).

Open to teams in the under-8, 9 and 10 divisions, the festival features some 250 40-minute games, and a special coaching clinic for team coaches and managers. Mini-soccer is merely a scaled-down version of the real game, with six players a side on field and half-size ball and third-size goals. Field dimensions are also cut to quarter size, and the emphasis is placed on participation, sportsmanship and fun. No medals or trophies are awarded in this non-competitive event.

Canada World Cup team coach, Bob Lenarduzzi fully endorses mini-soccer: "The Dutch Football Association is convinced that their success in world cup competitions and other international play can be attributed to their foresight in establishing mini-soccer in their system over 20 years ago. They quite rightly suggest that mini-soccer players get more involved in the game, get more touches on the ball and become more technically proficient at an early age. And they seem to get greater enjoyment out of it. Consequently there are more youngsters playing, and as is the case with many sports, the larger the participation base, the more players emerge at the elite levels."

Lenarduzzi added that players he coaches thoroughly enjoy their own version of mini-soccer in training sessions: "Players love to finish off a hard workout with a small-sided game. It's a great vehicle for polishing skills and timing and it's lots of fun."

Fraser busy place this year

VANCOUVER – "It is amazing how many festivals and events for the enjoyment of the family are being planned for practically all communities in the Fraser River Basin for 1996", commented Bill James, formerly with Fraser Port and recently elected chairman of the Fraser River Community Festival Society.

From Prince George to Steveston, volunteers are planning for more events than ever before, according to information obtained by the society for their new Fraser River Events Passport to be published in the spring.

Barkerville and Lillooet both have their gold panning contests for real gold. Abbotsford's sheep and wool festival is in May, and B.C.'s city of festivals, Chilliwack, has 16 events scheduled for the year.

Harrison Hot Springs has a Mad Pudding concert in March, and Ashcroft has outhouse races in June. The old miner's cache of gold is still being sought at Cache Creek's Graffiti Days in June. Then there is New Westminster's Hyack Festival, Steveston Salmon Festival and an outstanding 1996 program at Fort Langley.

The society is the umbrella group that will bring these events to the attention of residents across B.C., Canada, and the U.S. through print material and releases.

The 12 member not-for-profit Society's board of volunteers meets on a regular basis., Other officers elected at the December meeting included secretary - Kyle McGregor, Royal City Towers; and treasurer - Don Cartwright, Cartwright Jewellers. Other directors include Bob Collyer, United Auto Parts; Bob Ferguson, Vancouver Area Newspaper Network; Peggy John, B.C. Justice Institute; Frank Kelly, New West. News; Garth McCreedy, B.C. Festivals; Manfred Stanzel, ManMar Consultants; Kevan Ridgway, Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Tourism Region; David Hill-Turner, Fort Langley Historical Society and Gordon Winter, Mohawk Oil Co. Ltd.

Myrna LeGrand-McLennan is the society's project director. She can be reached at 430-2990.

4-H hops into a new year

By LINDSAY HUBBARD

LANGLEY – Woodlands 4-H Rabbit Club bounds in to a New Year with the election of the new executive, as follows: president Becky Tyler, vice-president Jessica Reid, secretary Shannon Lau, treasurer Kimberley Anderson, reporter Lindsay Hubbard, junior council rep. Tyson Jones, phoning committee Erin Caskey and environment leader Lynn Ingeberg.

At the December 7 meeting, elections were held and new and old members watched a video on rabbit husbandry (that's care and feeding of your rabbits!). Members also brought donations for the Langley Food Bank.

On Saturday December 16, members gathered at Mrs. Reid's barn for a hands on demonstration for the proper handling of the bunnies. A warming lunch of hot dogs and hot chocolate was welcomed afterward. Thanks to Mrs. Reid for the use of her barn and bunnies.

The next meeting will be January 11, 7 pm at Belmont Elementary School, 20390–40 Avenue. The club meets every first Thursday of the month after that. For more information call Mrs. Ingeberg at 530-6561 or Mrs. McKay at 581-7666 or Mrs. Reid at 533-4526.

Rewarding experience

LANGLEY – Pacific Riding for the Disabled Association will require volunteers for the winter session of therapeutic riding lessons beginning January 9. Volunteers are needed to assist with horse-handling and sidewalking with disabled riders of all ages. Training is provided - no experience with horses or people with disabilities is required.

A new volunteer orientation will be held Thursday, January 4, 7 pm. A commitment of one hour per week makes a big difference to the success of the program. Lessons run Tuesday through Saturday, between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm. The facility is located at 21081–72 Ave.

For more information, or to sign up for the orientation, call Andrea at the PRDA office, 530-8717.

A sound way to count salmon

By WILL PEACOCK

A new state-of-the art fully automated facility sits beside the Fraser River north of Hope, beaming sound out into the river to count and track fish. The experimental hydroacoustic station set up by the Department and Fisheries and Oceans at Qualark Creek is testing a new technique, which if it proves out, promises to give fisheries managers – and the public – greater confidence in the estimates of salmon numbers passing up the Fraser.

Hydroacoustic fish counting techniques on the river are not exactly new – the Pacific Salmon Commission has had a facility at Mission since 1977, which provides daily estimates of salmon passing up the river toward their spawning grounds. These numbers provide a check on how many fish can be caught in the river while still permitting sufficient salmon through to spawn. They also give feedback on how close earlier run size estimates are – estimates that are used to set allowable catch limits for the various fisheries.

Problems in recent years with the West Coast salmon fishery highlight the importance of accurate estimates of fish numbers. The 1994 shortfall in the number of Fraser sockeye expected to return to the spawning beds prompted the federal government to set up the Fraser River Public Review Board to investigate what went wrong. Questions about the accuracy of present estimation procedures formed part of their work.

Tim Mulligan, a DFO research scientist based at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, heads up the team conducting experimental hydroacoustic studies on the Fraser. The work addresses some of the concerns raised by the Review Board. "We have two main objectives," Mulligan states. "First, to test assumptions that underlie the current methods the Pacific Salmon Commission is using to estimate salmon numbers arriving at Mission. And second, to look at other more modern techniques to see if they are beneficial as potential replacements or augmentations to the systems the Salmon Commission is currently using."

One of these new techniques is undergoing testing at Qualark Creek. The system uses a split-beam acoustic signal that tracks fish as they move through the beam, much like a traffic-control radar system tracks planes. "We can track (fish) simultaneously, measure how fast they're going and which direction they're moving," explains Mulligan. "With more modern instruments like the ones at Qualark you can get a lot more information from the echo than with the instruments used at Mission." Now in its third year of operation, the system is going through rigorous testing including a careful calibration with a test fishery.

The Pacific Salmon Commission, with DFO's expertise, set up a second experimental station using similar split-beam technology at Mission this year. As Ian Todd of the Pacific Salmon Commission, says "the experimental work at Mission is an attempt to quantify some of the biases inherent in our original method." Some of these biases include an assumption about fish travel speed, an inability to tell if fish are swimming up or downstream, and whether fish are avoiding the boat and thus not being counted (the Mission hydroacoustic instruments are boat mounted). The new technology is supposed to avoid these problems, thereby providing a check on the assumptions made to arrive at the all-important daily salmon estimates.

But, these are early days yet, and Todd cautions that the new technique is unproven, and in his opinion has yet to demonstrate it can improve on the present technology for supplying daily salmon counts. "At this stage we don't have any evidence to suggest our estimates are anything but good." Over the next year, four other types of acoustic systems will be tested at Mission, as the scientists work to ensure that the salmon counts are indeed accurate. For, as Mulligan points out, conservation of B.C.'s precious salmon stocks is DFO's prime directive: "The biggest risk we are trying to minimize is that insufficient numbers of fish will arrive at the spawning ground." If the new hydroacoustic techniques live up to their promise, he argues, they will relieve the uncertainty surrounding the salmon estimates and help ensure enough fish make it back to spawn.

Will Peacock of Langley is an interpretive writer on environmental issues, archaeologist and heritage consultant. He has a Ph.D in archaeology from the University of Cambridge and a BA in anthropology from UBC, and is currently employed at the Fraser River Discovery Centre Society in New Westminster. He was inspired to write this series of articles because of his "curiosity as to what is being done about the Fraser River problems."

Dig those Mac clones, Windows fans

Not that we're tribal about our Macintoshes or anything, but we do admire the marketing excellence which has caused the whole world to go ga-ga over Windows '95, which essentially enables an IBM, for an extra $100 for the upgrade and using four megabytes of RAM (eight recommended), to do what a Mac has been able to do for years.

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Defenseman Kevin Roberts, of the Pac Can Duty Free Bruins "A" takes his man out of the play, as Aldergrove opens their Christmas Tournament with a 3-2 win over Mission.
Hockey action will continue through the week at the local arena, as Aldergrove hosts an "A" and "C" Bantam tournament. Finals to take place Saturday.
-Janet Blair photo

Otter club seeks new members

By CHRISTINE MORRIS

ALDERGROVE – The Otter 4-H Lamb and Swine Club are off to another exciting year. We have chosen our executive committees this year. Our new president is Serena Caunce, vice-president is Ryan Craig, secretary is Stephanie Tidball, and reporter is Christine Morris. Also we have a new 'head' leader this year – Mrs. Trish Tidball.

I would like to thank Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Olsen, Mr. Rees and Mr. Niemi for being great leaders throughout the 1994-'95 year and to welcome Mrs. Tidball for the upcoming year.

Our club is inviting new members to come and join. If you are interested, please phone either Mrs. Trish Tidball at 888-1130 or Mrs. Jan Morris at 534-4619. All ages are welcome from 9-19 years. It's fun, so come and join!

Photo radar spin-doctoring not enough to save program

VICTORIA – The NDP government's photo radar program will never see the light of day under a BC Reform government. Leader Jack Weisgerber noted that the program is not scheduled to become fully operational until next July, and it will be immediately cancelled if an election intervenes and his party forms government.

"A Reform BC government is going to stop this snap-happy revenue scheme before it ever fully gets off the ground," Weisgerber vowed.

"The NDP and ICBC have spent the last full year trying to soften B.C. motorists up for photo radar. They've spin-doctored this program to sell it as a road safety program that will reduce insurance premiums, when it's really just a cash-grab for government that won't take one dangerous motorist off our highways.

"The truth is, the NDP haven't had the nerve to fully implement photo radar prior to the election, because they know innocent vehicle owners are going to be mad as hornets when they start receiving $100 fines in the mail for crimes they didn't even commit.

"It's pure folly to believe that, once photo radar cameras are up and running, the ground rules won't be gradually changed to squeeze every last nickel possible out of motorists under the guise of public safety.

"We say, pack up the cameras, send them and their American operators back to where they came from, and put more police on our highways.

"The focus should be stopping speeders at the roadside and taking truly dangerous drivers off our highways, not ticketing vehicle owners by mail, weeks after the fact, for infractions committed by some unknown driver," said Weisgerber.

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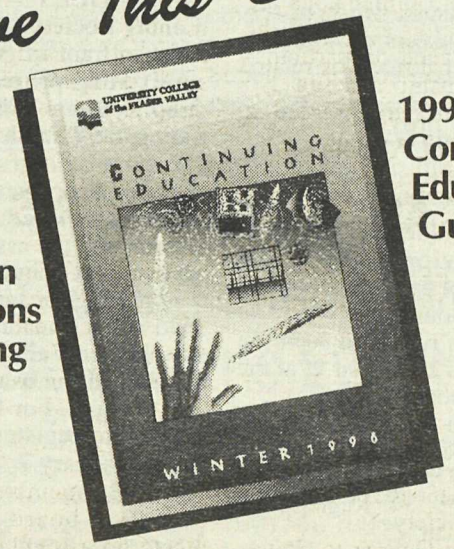

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Overwaitea, Save-on-Foods pick up more awards

LANGLEY – The Overwaitea Food Group, winner of the 1994 Canadian Environmental Achievement Award – Corporate Environmental Leadership category, was presented this month with Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week Awards in two categories – best overall, and best use of theme.

Darryl Gillespie, manager of health and safety for the Overwaitea Food Group, was pleased to accept the awards, presented to him on December 7 by Greig Jenkinson, provincial coordinator of St. John Ambulance, and Claude E. Gaucher, CRSP, manager, safety programs, B.C. Ministry of Health, on behalf of the company.

"Our corporate health and safety department is very proud of the initiatives we have taken in OH&S", said Darryl Gillespie. "Our head office programs are in place to provide a service to our stores, - and that service is to ensure that our 72 in-store safety committees are educated, thorough, and dedicated to the task at hand. These awards are a clear indication that we are on the right track!"

The combined efforts of the in-store health and safety committee, the store management team, and in-store first aid representatives and the North Vancouver community were recognized in an instructional video, which has been produced as a result of their efforts, and distributed chainwide.

"The health and safety of all of our customers and employees is our top priority", said Brian Piwek, president of the Overwaitea Food Group. "Being honoured with this award reaffirms what we've known all along - our safety program is one of the best in western Canada!"

Overwaitea/Save-On-Foods employs more than 10,000 people in 72 stores in British Columbia and Alberta.

Flagrant fishers net fines

VANCOUVER – Five individuals charged with fisheries violations have been fined a total of $8,950, the Department of Fisheries announced.

Three individuals plead guilty in North Vancouver provincial court to possessing undersized Dungeness crabs, undersized Red Rock crabs and for exceeding the daily limit for crabs.

Nai Luo Fang, Yong Quang Zhang and Yao Gen Zhang were fined a total of $3,750, Dec. 6. The three individuals were arrested by DFO fishery officers Sept.11 after they were seen making several trips to their vehicle from the dock at Cates Park and putting bags of crabs in the trunk. The vehicle was stopped by fishery officers on Dollarton Highway, and 99 undersized Dungeness crabs and two undersized Red Rock crabs were seized.

In a similar case, two individuals plead guilty in Burnaby provincial court to possessing undersized Dungeness crabs and for exceeding the daily limit for crabs. Sang Huu Mai was fined a total of $4,200, Dec. 7. Fines levied against Thoi Thi Nguyen total $1,000. A third accused individual is scheduled for trial April 29.

Charges were laid by fishery officers Sept. 12 following an investigation by fishery officers with cooperation from the Port Moody police. On Aug. 3, police stopped a vehicle departing the Barnet Marine Park and seized 60 Dungeness crabs only four of which were legal sized. Further surveillance by fishery officers at a Vancouver residence and the marine park resulted in arrest of the three individuals, who were found to be in possession of a total of 335 Dungeness crabs, 319 of which were undersized. All crabs and the vehicle were seized by the fishery officers.

Under the Fisheries Act, maximum penalties for first offenses are $100,000. Penalties for second offenses are $100,000, or up to one year in jail, or both.

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Legal help in Aldergrove

LANGLEY – The Langley Legal Assistance Centre announce that, beginning January, it will be extending service to the Aldergrove area. Commencing January 11, through the generosity of the Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services Society, an outreach clinic will operate in their offices each Thursday. The address for the Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services is #206-27115 Fraser Highway.

Advocacy program staff will be available 9 am to noon to assist with matters such as income assistance, landlord/tenant problems, small claims, WCB, UIC, etc. Appointments are preferred, drop-in clients may be seen, depending on availability. Legal aid applications will be taken in the afternoon from 1 pm to 4 pm on a drop-in basis. Residents of the Aldergrove area are encouraged to make use of this new service. Call the Langley Legal Assistance Centre at 530-5811 if you have any questions, or to make an appointment.

On January 11, an "open house" will be held during which time it is hoped that members of the community will drop-in to the clinic to meet staff members and enjoy refreshments.

Caregiver series

LANGLEY – The Alzheimer Society of BC, South & Upper Fraser Valley Region presents a Family Caregiver series on Jan. 27 through to March 2.

The series is six two-hour sessions for caregivers of someone with Alzheimer disease or related dementia.

This series provides a better understanding of Alzheimer disease and acute reversible dementia, as well as results of brain damage, difficulties in communicating, behavior changes and problems, process of grieving and community resources.

Day session runs 1 to 3 pm on Saturdays, Jan. 27 to Mar.2, at the Alzheimer Resource Centre.

Registration fee is $20. Register at Alzheimer Resource Centre, #202-19871–57A Avenue, Langley, B.C., V3A 7J4. Registration must be in by Jan. 23.

Fresh Start facilitators are needed

LANGLEY – The Canadian Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to train as group leaders for an exciting program designed to help smokers quit smoking and stay quit. "Fresh Start", now at the start of its fourth year, is a successful program that provides smokers with educational information and the essential strategies and support to quit smoking.

Training for facilitators will be held at the Canadian Cancer Society, Fraser Valley District office on Saturday, January 13 from 9 am to 4 pm. For further information or to register call 533-1668 before January 7.

Polar swim rehab

VANCOUVER – In keeping with the "Know No Limits" campaign, the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation encourages supporters to act with safety in mind and "take the plunge" for charity while participating in the Polar Bear Swim on New Years Day.

"We are very pleased to have BC Tel Mobility lending its support with their own corporate Polar Bear team. All those who take part in the Polar Bear Swim are certainly courageous people," says Andy Danyliu. "Swimmers from around the province are collecting pledges for their icy plunge to support the K.R.F. and its vital work. It's a great way to start the New Year!"

K.R.F. "Polar Bear Swimmers" registration takes place between noon and 2 pm, Monday, January 1 at the Best Western Sands Hotel, 1755 Davie Street. Changing facilities and "warming" refreshments will be available to participants braving the chilly waters. Net proceeds raised by participating swimmers during the 1996 Polar Bear Swim and the kinsmen Mothers' March from January 15-31, will go to support K.R.F. programs in B.C.

Since 1952, the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of B.C. has been committed to providing services and technologies empowering British Columbians with physical disabilities to live more independently. Currently, K.R.F. programs and services assist more than 370,000 British Columbians.

For further information or to pick up a pledge form, contact: Mina Petrovich, 736-8841, local 239, or Kathy Ellis at local 229.

Winter Blues?

A patch of blue on a Stellar Jay,
A patch of blue in the sky,
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Surrounded by such as these.
The Varied Thrush,
the Towhee,
The Finch, the Chicadee,
The bold Bluejay, the Sparrow
Are my company.

FRANCES EVANOFF

Visas for life displayed in Vancouver

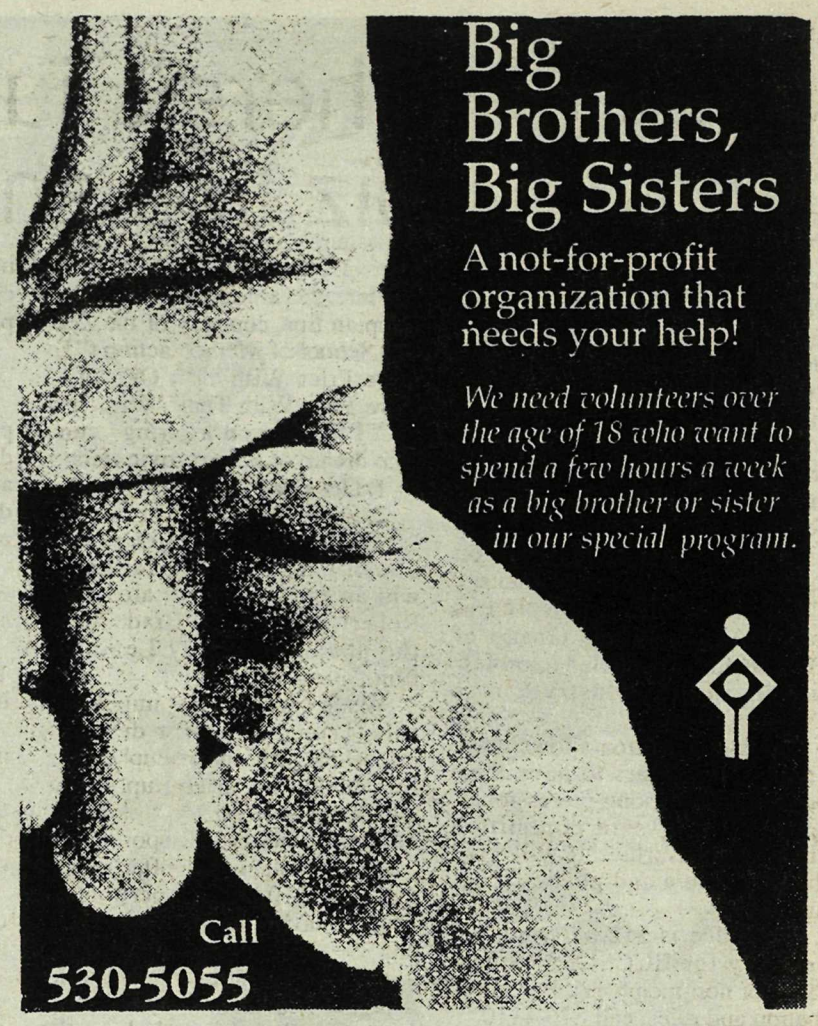
VANCOUVER – The celebrated photographic exhibit Visas For Life will open at the Holocaust Education Centre on January 14. The exhibit tells the remarkable story of Chiune and Yukiko Sugihara and the rescue of thousands of European Jews.

Chiune Sugihara was Japan's Consul General to Lithuania. In 1940, acting against the specific orders of his government, he issued transit visas to Jewish refugees. By courageously risking his career, his life, and the lives of his family members, Sugihara helped more than 6,000 people escape certain death in the Nazi Holocaust.

This travelling exhibit, which has already been seen in San Francisco, New York and Seattle, was assembled by the Holocaust Oral History Project. Eric Saul, curator of the exhibit, accessed the complete Sugihara family photo collection. "We have been able," he said, "to create a very moving and powerful Holocaust story in pictures...anyone who understands the power of one single act of humanity should see this exhibit."

The opening will be held on Sunday, January 14 at 2 pm in the Norman Rothstein Theatre of the Jewish Community Centre. With guest speakers David Suzuki, Hiroki Sugihara and Otto Lowy, the event will feature a fusion of Japanese and Jewish music.

Visas For Life will be open to the public until March 29. Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 and Friday and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00. The Holocaust Education Centre is located in the Jewish Community Centre building at 50-950 West 41 Avenue.



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9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship (Nursery & Children's Church)
6:00 pm AWANA
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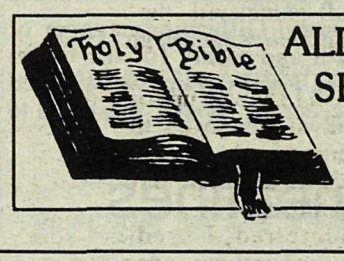

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The gala Awards Dinner is May 9, 1996 at the Hyatt Regency.
For information, contact the Marketing & Communications Dept. at the Vancouver YWCA, 895-5765.

New talent contest is for country

VANCOUVER - The B.C. Country Music Association has set a Jan. 31 deadline for its first annual Talent on Tape Contest. Response has been "overwhelming" for the nation-wide contest, with categories for best male, female and group, as well as original composition and instrumental performers.

Winners will be featured on the 1995 Talent on Tape Winners' Compilation CD, sponsored in part by RDR Music Group of Toronto, and distributed to professionals in the industry across Canada.

"This competition allows those undiscovered stars to have their performance or song professionally produced," said committee chair Craig Zurba. "It will give them exposure and public recognition."

Entry fee is $12 per song per category for BCCMA members ($15 for non-members). For information and rules, call 876-4110.

Tips for a smoke-free new year

VANCOUVER – Smokers who make a resolution to start the new year smoke-free can get help from the British Columbia Lung Association.

The association urges all smokers to start 1996 in a healthy way, and offers free "Quit Tips" booklets with advice on kicking the habit.

"Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable illness and premature death. Each year, over 5,000 British Columbians die from smoking-related diseases, such as lung cancer, emphysema and chronic bronchitis; and second-hand smoke causes health problems for non-smokers exposed to it," said Kelly Ablog-Morrant, director of health education and program services.

The "Quit Tips" booklet contains ideas on coping with nicotine withdrawal and handling social situations without smoking, and it suggests personal rewards for persevering with your goal to stay smoke-free.

For a free "Quit Tips" booklet, contact the B.C. Lung Association at 2675 Oak Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6H 2K2 or call 731-5864. Outside the Lower Mainland, call toll-free to 1-800-665-5864.

There's just no biz like show biz

By JERRY ZEZIMA

Here are a couple of valuable thespian tips, courtesy of the Zezima School of Method acting ("To Have Fries With That Or Not to Have Fries With That - What'll It Be?") for all you aspiring actors who dream of being movie stars:

1. Get a day job.
2. Don't quit it.

That was the tragic (of course) lesson I learned after failing to win an important role alongside Robert DeNiro and Brad Pitt in the upcoming Barry Levinson film, "Sleepers".

When I say it is an "important" role, I am using - for dramatic effect - a Hollywood euphemism for "lucky not to end up on the cutting room floor."

This is the direct opposite of a "starring" role, which often means "making $10-million per picture despite having no discernible talent."

By that definition, I should be a bigger star than Sylvester Stallone. So when I heard about the recent casting call for "Sleepers", which began shooting this month in Newtown, Connecticut, I started singing "California, here I come" into a vacuum cleaner attachment. The performance was so convincing that my wife, fearing I had suffered a nervous breakdown, almost called 911.

For those who don't read Variety ("Egotistical Minds Want to Know"), "Sleepers" is the story of four teenage boys growing up in a tough New York neighborhood in the 1960s. (The title can also describe the audience at any Kurt Russell movie, but that's another story).

When the kids get into trouble with the law (boys will be boys!), they are sent to a juvenile detention center. Or, as they would say in the Big Apple, the slammer.

That's why Wilfley/Todd Casting Inc. was looking for boys 12 to 18 years old to play inmates. They were also looking for men (here is where I would, ideally, qualify) to play prison guards. Some of the guards would have to be athletic enough to play in a football game with the inmates. Women also were sought for the crowd scenes.

When I showed up for the casting call in Newtown, there were so many people lined up that it looked like an audition for a Cecil B. DeMille epic.

Undeterred, I used my star power (and my press pass) to cut in ahead of hundreds of aspiring extras and meet casting associate Vicki Cosentino.

"Barry Levinson isn't here?" I asked, feigning surprise.

"Why would he be?" Cosentino replied, feigning bewilderment.

"Look, I'm Italian," I announced, hoping to make an impression. "If DeNiro has other commitments and can't make the picture, I could replace him."

Cosentino rolled her eyes. "We'll call you," she said.

"I'd tell you to have your people call my people," I said, "but I don't have any people. Besides, all the calls we get are for my daughters, who were hoping to meet Brad Pitt."

Then I explained that I was willing to start my career with a supporting role.

"The movie takes place in 1966," Cosentino told me. "You'd have to cut your hair really short."

"I'll make an appointment with my stylist," I offered.

"And your clothes would have to be from that period," she said.

"No problem!" I chirped. "My entire wardrobe is out of style."

Cosentino looked me over. "I don't know," she said. "You're more 80s."

What a blow to my ego! "Are you sure I don't look like a prison guard?" I asked.

"I'm afraid not," Cosentino said. "You don't look like an athlete either."

Unfazed, I approached Grant Wilfley, president of Wilfley/-Todd Casting Inc., and asked if I could have my picture taken with some of the other hopefuls. He handed me card No 722 and told me to hold it up for the group shot.

"I'm ready for my close-up now, Mr. Wilfley," I said dramatically.

He smiled thinly. Afterward, he said he didn't think I was right for the picture.

But the day wasn't a total loss. Toward the end, an attractive young woman with long dark hair and a tight white shirt saw me writing in my notebook. She rushed up to me and blurted: "I'd be great for this movie! I'm a hard worker and I'd be willing to learn. I'll do anything! Anything!"

"That's a very nice offer," I said, "but I'm not with the casting company."

The woman was crushed. "You mean I just told you all that for nothing?"

"What can I say, kiddo?" I replied in my best DeNiro voice. "That's show biz."

Seniors plan active season

LANGLEY - New program booklets are now ready to be picked up at the Seniors' Resource Centre, 20605 - 51B Avenue, call 532-1320. Activities for January through March include rafting down the Cheakumus and Squamish Rivers as well as history lectures on Murrayville and surrounding areas by Norm Sherritt.

Maddie Biccum, a Chilliwack grandmother, who has learned to read and write over the past few years while studying at the University College of the Fraser Valley, won a provincial Superior Propane Learners' Award recently. The awards recognize academic achievement and leadership. Maddie's glad she took the plunge and returned to school at the age of 49. "What makes me happiest is that I can read to my grandsons." UCFV offers literacy training in Chilliwack, Agassiz, Hope, Mission, and Abbotsford. For more information, call your nearest UCFV centre.

Transit's "designated drivers" free on New Year's Eve

VANCOUVER – BC Transit and the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission encourage everyone planning to travel in the Lower Mainland this New Year's Eve to consider factoring a free transit trip into their plans. All bus, SeaBus, SkyTrain and handyDART service in the Vancouver region will be free after 5 pm, December 31 until end of service. Regular fares resume at 5 am, January 1, 1996.

SkyTrain and SeaBus will run well past their usual closing times. SkyTrain will operate trains every five minutes with the final trains departing King George (Surrey) at 2:38 am and Waterfront (downtown Vancouver) at 3:20 am. SeaBus will operate on a 15-minute schedule between approximately 5 pm and 12:30 am, then every 30 minutes until the final sailings at 3:02 am from Lonsdale Quay and 3:16 am from Waterfront.

In addition to regular late night "OWL" service on selected bus routes, extra late night trips have been scheduled on a limited number of routes throughout the Vancouver region. Service will be extended in Richmond on routes #401, 403 and 406, and to South Delta and Tsawwassen on route #601. In Surrey, North Delta, Langley and White Rock, late night service will be available on routes #312, 316, 319, 320, 321, 332, 351 and 501. In Coquitlam, service will be extended on routes #160 and 147, and to Maple Ridge on route #701. In North Vancouver, regular OWL service will be available on route #242. And in West Vancouver, hourly service to Horseshoe Bay and 30-minute service to Dundarave will be available until the final departure from downtown Vancouver (Georgia and Granville) at 2:10 am.

Anyone planning to use Transit this New Year's Eve is encouraged to plan ahead by consulting public timetables or by calling BC Transit Customer Information at 521-0400, or West Vancouver Municipal Transit Information at 985-7777. Customers intending to call for information are urged to do so well before December 31 due to the large number of information requests received during this time of year.

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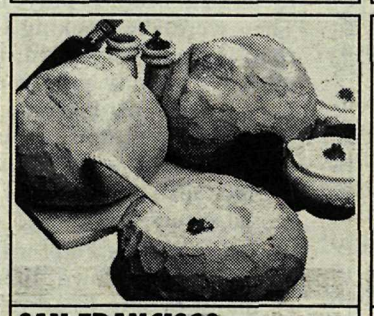

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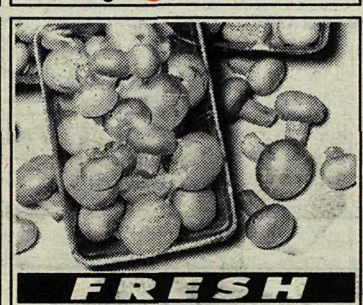

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Trustee brings education to the workplaces for kids

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

LANGLEY - Bruce Barnes has been a school board trustee since 1987, and since he started he has been the driving force behind the board's interest in career programs and technology.

"The board has always been concerned with careers and technology but I was always excited about it," he said. "Now after several years the board is excited about it as well."

"I like it when things I think are important become important to the board and schools."

He said it wasn't easy to capture the board's attention.

"They weren't interested because they hadn't heard about some of the things yet. But I did some presentations, clipped articles from magazines which I dropped into their mail boxes, and coerced them into becoming interested."

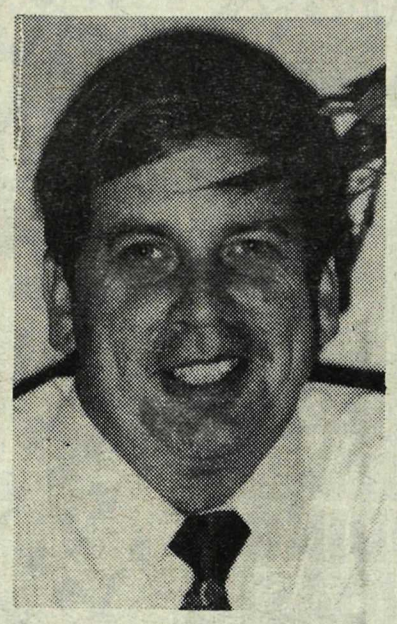
"Now Langley is one of the top ten districts in the province with regards to career education and technological programs. All the great things start with different trustees and their varied interests. Then comes a follow up with the board and then a move into the schools.

Barnes said that a good example of this is (Vice chair of the board) Chris Petipas and her push for bicycle safety , especially helmets.

He said that at first no one gave a second thought to the issue of bicycle helmets, but with pressure from Petipas the board realized how important bicycle safety is and supported her efforts, and now the government has introduced legislation for the mandatory use of helmets.

Barnes has an extensive background in education both as a student and a teacher in Surrey. He is a Career Program Facilitator and Advance Placement Department Head, designing programs for kids to do work experience within the business community. He is also involved with the Secondary Apprentice Program, Career and Personal Planning, and is a guidance and career counsellor.

"We have 50% of our grade 11 and 12 students out in the community on work placement assignments, which is really working well.



"Students come back having done 'real stuff' in the work place and they are really excited about what they have done."

Barnes said that Langley is a very special district and is in a good position to move ahead despite what is thrown at them.

"The district has managed to stay ahead despite being outweighed by change," he said. "The provincial government is making so many changes so fast, sometimes it is hard to keep up, but we keep charging ahead. There has been a huge amount of change in the last five years."

He said that Langley has been proactive rather than reactive which has help them stay ahead.

"We have lots of expertise in the district, and we know where it is because we communicate well with staff.

"Langley is a big enough district to have experts in every field somewhere in the system, but small enough to be able to communicate and find them."

When Barnes is not working, or being a trustee, he is involved in the community through Rotary Club. He also coaches the school wrestling team and is an 'almost full time soccer dad.'

Barnes says that being a trustee is a big time commitment and he's not sure how much longer he will continue.

"Maybe one more term, but not after that. After a while you become like an elephant in a grave yard."

Helping children establish new roots

By PADDY BATEMAN

If you think it's tough starting anew, then think how your children must feel. Kids hate the idea of leaving old friends and familiar places, and are in absolute dread of putting down new roots and "fitting in" in their new environment. Consequently, it's hardly surprising that many school-age children have a difficult time in their new classes, until they've completed the process, and have been accepted by their new peers.

"I'd say from my experience that moving to a new home is pretty far down the list of things that children of almost any age want to go through," says Jack Griffin, the marketing head of Allied Van Lines. "Older children will very often recognize the need to move, but that doesn't mean they like it very much. Younger ones, and particularly those who are new to the entire idea of going to school, can rise to unbelievable heights of fear and anxiety at the news that they're going to have to leave all their friends."

Although Griffin clearly understands the trauma that children can go through with a move (he not only works for a company that moves tens of thousands of families annually; he's also been through the experience himself with his own children in the last year), he's quick to point out that there are many tactics and ploys that parents can use to ease that stress and anxiety.

"Adjusting to change can be a healthy learning process for kids," he says, "and the more help they have in fitting in to their new environment, the more they're likely to look upon a household move as a positive, growing experience. There's a sadness to leaving familiar surroundings for anyone, but that can be very nicely balanced by good experiences in the new home area."

Putting down new roots is difficult for many children, no matter what their age. Teens may fear they just won't be as popular as they were in their old surroundings; younger children, and particularly those involved in beginner sports, might worry that they're not going to be as good as they were in their old neighborhood; and the youngest ones, particularly those new to school can be absolutely terrified by the thought of new teachers, new classmates, new playgrounds and new rules.

How do you resolve problems like these? "Familiarity and a comfort zone are probably the single biggest assets a parent can offer at these times," says Griffin. "You have to make time, as far in advance of your move as possible, to take the kids to your new home area and let them discover (with your guidance) some of the really good things they're stepping into."

If the move is compounded by the problem of long distance, such as to a different province, Griffin suggests that families spend the first couple of days just exploring the new area.

"Although your first impulse is to get everything unpacked and put away immediately," he says, "by taking the first day or two to explore your new home turf, you're giving your kids a very strong message that their comfort is important to you. Do some scouting around: Find out where all the teen hot spots are; go to a local baseball or soccer game; check out the restaurants; hit the malls; check out the recreational facilities; there are virtually dozens of things to do that will leave children with a feeling of belonging."

Reassurance is another important part of moving, particularly for younger children. According to author Lilian Katz, writing in Parents' Magazine, "For younger children, the anticipation of their new life is less likely to be as much a source of concern as is the turmoil involved in dismantling a home. Even pre-schoolers, who appear so adaptable on the surface, may experience grief and a sense of loss about being separated from their familiar environment."

It helps, says Katz, and Griffin agrees wholeheartedly, to make deliberate plans both before and after the move, to put packing and unpacking tasks on hold, and give pre-schoolers and other younger children your undivided attention two or three times during the day. It's a reassurance, she advises, that affirms for the child your consideration for his or her feelings, and is often an ideal time to talk calmly about how you both feel about the change.

"What's perhaps most important to remember," Griffin suggests, "is to share the moving experience, and to accept the fact that it means something different, and holds different fears and anxieties, for everyone in the family. By making it an act of togetherness, you tend to reduce everyone's stress, while heightening the overall sense of comfort and security. That, and using all the resources that are available to you from people and organizations like our agent network across the country, can make putting down those new roots an adventure for everyone in the family, rather than something that's dreaded.

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Internal body clock holding key to benefits

LOS ANGELES - Researchers have obtained their first peek into circadian rhythms, the hitherto mysterious internal clock that tells humans and other animals when to fall asleep and wake up and that regulate a host of other biological functions such as hormone release and body temperature.

Gaining control of this clock, researchers say, could produce a wide variety of benefits, from helping workers stay awake on the night shift to resetting biological clocks to overcome jet lag, as well as lowering blood pressure and improving drug metabolism.

Until now, scientists have been stymied in their search for the intracellular mechanisms that control the 24-hour cycle of the clock.

In three papers in a recent issue of the journal Science, however, a team headed by geneticist Michael W. Young of Rockefeller University reports identifying a pair of proteins whose delicate waltz with each other and with the genes that produce them is the metronomic underpinning of the cycle.

Researchers do not yet know how exposure to light resets the cycle and precisely how the proteins regulate other body processes, but the newly discovered proteins should provide a long-sought entree into those systems, experts say.

"We are really ... putting a lot of pieces of the jigsaw down," said biologist Steve Kay of the University of Virginia.

Investigators have long recognized the existence of circadian rhythms, particularly in the sleep-wake cycle and body temperatures. Individuals living in darkened rooms and not exposed to sunlight have been found to have a natural cycle that is just a little bit more than 24 hours, indicating that control of the sleep-wake cycle is internal rather than being directed by sunlight. Researchers have also observed that in the late afternoon, body temperature can be as much as two degrees Fahrenheit higher than in the morning.

Cryptosporidium under study

BURNABY – The Greater Vancouver Regional District has agreed to contribute up to $120,000 towards a study of cryptosporidium, an organism detected in a small number of drinking water samples but about which little is known.

The region's medical health officers said that while Greater Vancouver's water is safe, they support conducting the study, because it would help in understanding the issue. Studies are also being carried out in other areas of North America.

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SENIORS' NETWORK

Sound help is forthcoming

By ERNIE CLUETT

ALDERGROVE – The December meeting of the Aldergrove Seniors Network was held in the Community Centre (located at 26770–29 Avenue, phone 856-2899) on December 18 at 1 pm. As it was the Christmas season, the meeting featured a shortbread and sherry interlude that enabled members to mingle and gossip to their hearts' content. The shortbread was supplied by the efforts of several of the members and was much appreciated by the fifty members who attended.

As the speaker system in the hall leaves a lot to be desired, the president will do his utmost to rectify the problem, so hopefully we, who are hard of hearing, will be able to follow the speakers and not sit in a bedlam of sound as at present.

The bus trips for January and February are as follows:

Tune up and Fitness Class is ongoing Mondays, 10:30 am to 11:30 am and Thursdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. There is no charge. Phone the centre, 856-2899 for details.

Retirement Workshop series, How to manage your money in retirement. No sales pressure as it is only an information workshop. Tuesday, January 9, 10 am to 11:30 am. No charge.

Midsummer's Night's Dream: Aldergrove Community Secondary School is putting on a Shakespearean performance, Wednesday, January 31, noon to 2: 30 pm. Charge is $4. Meet in the high school and wear name tag.

Joy of Discovery: A trip to the Langley Centennial Museum. Thirteen artists display their talents. Thursday, January 18, 1:30 to 5 pm. Wear your tag.

Trinity Western University: The university has opened its doors to you. Monday, February 12, 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Sign up early as only a small group can be handled. Wear your name tag. Charge is $3. Bus leaves at 1:30 pm.

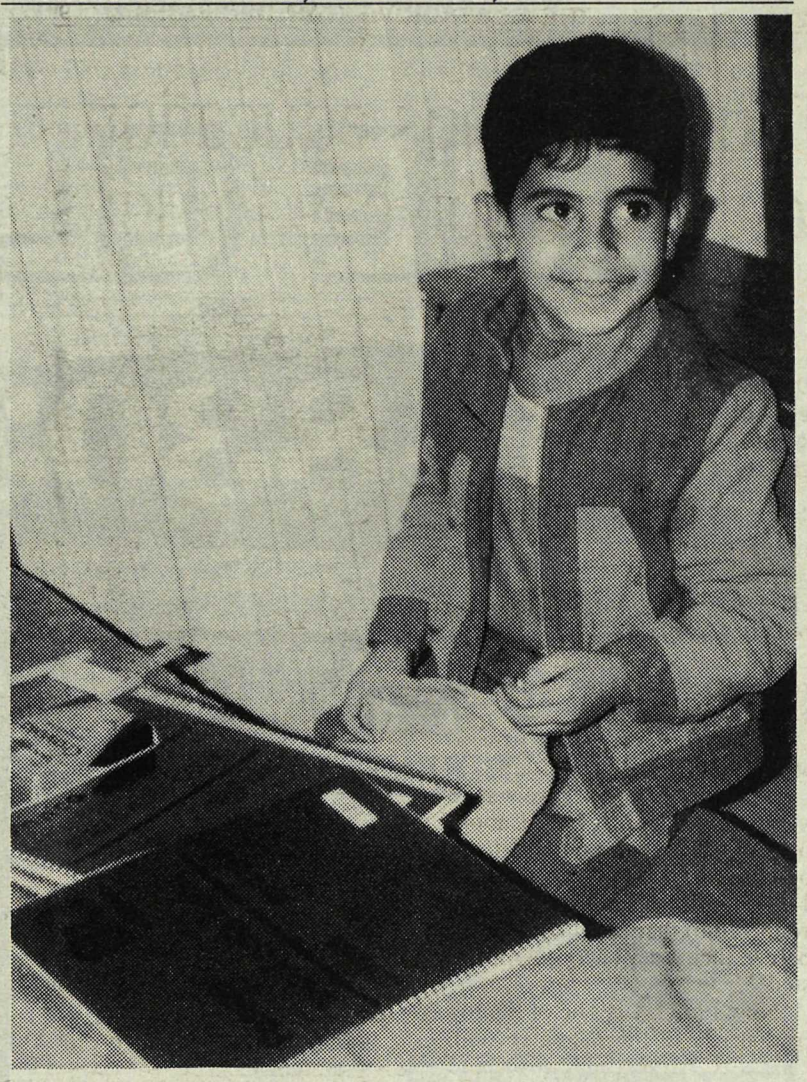
Langley Centennial Museum, Our architectural Inheritance, Thursday, Feb. 29, 1:30 to 5 pm. $2 donation. Bus leaves at 1:30 pm. The paintings of Rudi Dangelmaier will be featured.

If you are interested in trips to Vancouver to attend the theatre to view plays and operas, also musicals, let Scott know at 856-2899.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous 1996.

The export of polluted Vancouver air eastward up the Fraser Valley and along Asthma Alley to disperse in the eastern end of the valley must have reached government ears. We have now been promised that a small percentage of cars and trucks sold in the city will be powered by engines that will use non-fossil fuels. This will start very slowly of course; it would not be wise for readers to hold their breaths waiting for this to happen. For one thing these machines will be very expensive, although most likely far cheaper to build. Also the lawyers hired by the government will have to leave enough loopholes in their efforts to satisfy all opposing lawyers, who will be representing the auto makers, the repair industry, and of course all segments of the oil industry. As government lawyers, in my opinion, are not too bright, they will not stand a chance in court against the wealth of talent that will be brought against them. If the industry had wanted a gasless car it would have been on the road years ago.

You can also be sure that when the pollution starts to show up in the milk and products, in the fruits and other valley produce, the city dwellers will swamp Victoria with demands to condemn all valley products and open the border to the importation of the completely pure Washington produce. Isn't life wonderful?



School supplies gathered by Fraser Valley children brought smiles to the faces of Iraqi refugees in Iran, when they were delivered by MCC relief workers before Christmas.

Justice seen as a game few can afford to play as stakes rise higher

WASHINGTON - As the post-mortem began in America on the O.J.Simpson verdict, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian spoke of race relations "hurtling backward in the 1990s" just as they sank in the 1890s.

Taylor Branch, who won the prize in 1989 for his civil rights book Parting the Waters said: "Culturally, we surf on obsessions in the media and we lose sight of the essential things - the responsibility of jurors and the need to deal honestly with race relations."

Another writer, Joyce Carol Oates, said: "Primarily, I think most Americans feel dismay that 'justice' - if it can be said to exist at all - seems to be the consequence of an elaborate, highly professionalized game very few citizens can afford to play."

Soul-searching was widespread in a country that has reacted to the Simpson acquittal as two nations, one black, one white: one side is ecstatic at the result, the other angry.

In Harlem, the cry was 'The Juice is loose!' People danced to the strains of James Brown's I Feel Good.

Mario Cuomo, former Democratic governor of New York, said: "We've learned that if you're rich, you have an immediate advantage. Most poor people and struggling middle-class who get into trouble cannot afford Cochran and Dershowitz and Bailey, and all the investigators. Money can buy you reasonable doubt. I say that with no bitterness. It's just a fact."

Tom Shales, TV critic of the Washington Post, said it was hard to recall a national moment so polarizing.

It was disturbing that it was no loss of Vietnam or a space shuttle disaster, but merely a celebrity on trial for murder. "Deep down, we're very shallow," he said.

The conservative columnist, George F. Will, called the result a lesson about what happened when the reckless, rampant politicization of life encompassed even the criminal justice system. "People get away with murder," he said.

Another "chilling residue of this debacle," he said, should be the realization that nothing - no institution, no pattern of civility - was spared the ravages of racial thinking.

Lawyer Scott Turow, author of Presumed Innocent, thought the prosecution was a "low-road enterprise" that was "doomed from the start."

Massey tunnel counterflow "user-friendly"

VANCOUVER – Rush hour drivers using the Massey Tunnel will experience improved traffic flow because of a new counterflow scheduling system, Transportation and Highways Minister Jackie Pement said Dec. 21.

"As a result, drivers will spend less time standing still in traffic and therefore realize fuel savings," said Pement. "In addition, shorter idling times mean overall lower emissions for the area. The environmental benefits are clear."

At present, the counterflow system is put in place daily at specified times by individuals who monitor traffic build up. With the new technology, the system will continuously monitor traffic from as far away as the Oak Street Bridge to provide a complete traffic picture. The traffic will then be assessed by computer every five minutes and a recommendation about counterflow made to the operator at the Massey Tunnel control room.

Halsey-Brandt and Sager back at GVRD executive

BURNABY – Greg Halsey-Brandt, mayor of Richmond, has been re-elected chairperson of the Greater Vancouver Regional District board of directors, for 1996. It is his third term and he was elected by acclamation.

West Vancouver Mayor Mark Sager was returned to his third term as vice chair of the GVRD board, also by acclamation.

It is one of the few times since the GVRD was established in 1967 there are no new faces on the 31-member 1996 board of directors.

The GVRD, comprising all 20 municipalities and two electoral areas in Greater Vancouver, is responsible for providing essential regional services including water, sewage collection and treatment, air quality control, regional parks, 9-1-1 emergency phone system, solid waste management, hospital planning, municipal labour relations, and strategic planning.

School kits make world of difference to refugees

SHUSTAR, IRAN – Iraqi refugee children broke into broad smiles and attempted to say "thank you" in broken English as two Mennonite Central Committee staff distributed school kits prepared by Mennonites in British Columbia.

"It was clearly an exciting day for the children," observed J. Daryl Byler, MCC's Washington office director. The 1991 Persian Gulf War and Iraq's ongoing political turmoil caused these children and their families to flee their homes and seek safety in Iran. More than 3,000 Iraqis remain in Shustar refugee camp in southwestern Iran.

The camp's 1,500 children crowd into two small school buildings, attending classes in shifts. Most lessons are done on the chalkboard because the school has few supplies.

As MCC workers entered each classroom, the children stood and recited Arabic greetings. Byler reciprocated by bringing greetings from North American children. "The media images they see of North America are so distorted as ours are of Iraq," commented Byler.

"As North American adults we have contributed to these children's suffering because of our countries' involvement in the war. Maybe our children with their simple gifts of school kits can lead the way to build bridges for a better future," said Byler.

He and Ed Martin, MCC Central and Southern Asia secretary, presented kits to 300 children and shook each child's hand. MCC shipped 1,500 school kits, containing notebooks, pencils and other supplies, to Iraqi children in Iran. The kits were packed by youth groups from local churches.

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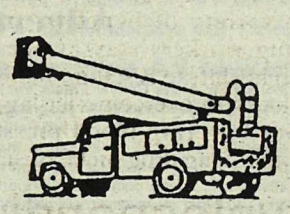

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Young Life needs warehouse space for Young Life Aldergrove work with skateboarders in town. **882-0591.** 48-5

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Auxiliary to Upper Fraser Valley Neurological Society needs fundraising volunteers 2-4 hours/month. Proceeds go to Fraser Valley Child Development Centre **852-8637** or **826-2411.** 40-tf

Matsqui-Aldergrove Singles general meeting,coffee & social evening second Wed. of every month,7:30 pm. All singles welcome. 27125 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove. Phone Singles Line **856-0622** or **853-0858.** 43-tf

B.C. Old Time Fiddlers Branch #5 Dance. First Friday every month, Sept. to June. Place: Fleetwood Centre, 15996–84 Ave., Surrey. 7:30 pm -11:30 pm. Admission $3.50 **581-4924.** 47-tf

Duplicate Bridge players: Come join us at the United Church, 5673 - 200 St. (south of Fraser Hwy.) every Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. For further info phone Ilene Pawluk 856-4071. 43-tf

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HIV/AIDS Support Group, meeting 1–3 pm at 22259–48 Ave (near Blair pool) first &third Monday of the month. Parking available from 48 Ave, use side door. For more information leave message with Langley Hospice Society **530-1115.** 44-tf

The Malsah Group HIV/AIDS support. All meetings confidential every Thursday 7-9pm, Cloverdale Baptist Hall, 18685–64 Ave.,Surrey. 40-tf

Sunnyside Fibromyalgia Chronic Fatigue support group. We meet each 2nd & 4th Wed. afternoon. Make some new friends. You'll have a great time! For details call Mary **532-9818.** 39-14

Chronic Fatique/Fibronyalgia afternoon support group. Meets 2nd and 4th Wedns. month 1-3 pm. For info, call Mary **532-9818.** 43-tf

New Awana Club held at Shortreed Elementary every Tues.night 6–8 pm. Any children in Kindergarden–6th Grade welcome. Enjoy games, stories, contests, scripture memorization and more. Run by Calvary Baptist Church. For more information or to register a child call **857-4987.** Don Fisher commander. 38-tf

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CLEANING UP THE WORLD STARTS AT HOME

180 Meetings

Central Fraser Valley Vintage Car Club for the preservation and restoration of collectible, vintage and custom cars. Everyone welcome. First Wednesday of every month 7:30 pm main bldg. Exhibition Park - Clearbrook. Phone **850-5086.** 43-tf

Langley Newcomers meets first Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm at the Best Western Motor Inn, 5978 Glover Rd.,Langley. Info Marion 882-2610 or Mary 882-0865. 43-tf

Langley Township Toastmasters meet every Tuesday 12:05 pm in the Langley Municipal Hall council chambers 4914–221 St.,Langley BC. Call **533-6105** for more information.43-tf

HIV/AIDS Support Group. All meetings are strictly confidential and also open to support people and caregivers. Meetings are every Thursday 7 –9 pm at Cloverdale Baptist Church Hall, 18685–64 Ave., Surrey. **574-4329**(days). 43-tf

Aldergrove Elks Lodge #66 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:00 pm at Elks Hall, corner of 273 St. and Fraser Hwy. Royal purple meet 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 pm. New members welcome. 14-tf

Langley Community Chorus mixed choir welcomes singers in all voice parts. If you like to sing, drop in and check out the music. The choir meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the music room at Poppy Secondary School. For more information call **533-1746.** 45-tf

Langley Newcomers Club, a group dedicated to helping ease the transition of a move by bringing newcomers together at meetings, moms & tots, tennis, golf, speaking events, bowling, wine tastings, wine making, gourmet dinners, luncheons, bridge, cribbage, book clubs, movies, mall walking. For more info contact:Marion **882-2610.** 48-tf

Dogwood Masonic Lodge meets at the Aldergrove Elks Hall, 27309 Fraser Hwy., Aldergrove on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. For further information phone Tom at **530-5114.** 43-tf

Aldergrove United Church, 2623 - 272 St., Bible Studies every Monday at 10 a.m. Sanctuary Choir 9 a.m. on Sundays; Open Board meetings, 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Church; United Church Women on the 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Church. Youth Group Grade 7 and up, watch your bulletin for times. For more information call **856-8675.** 44-tf

Silver Blades Adult Precision team meets every Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the Cloverdale Arena. **531-8494.** 43-tf

Fraser Valley Chief & Petty Officers Association meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Any serving, retired, ex-chief or Petty Officer and leading seamen (wartime) of any Commonwealth Navy is invited to attend any meeting. For more information *please contact Carl Hill* **530-7385** *or Dan* Norgaard, **853-5326.** 43-tf

The Aldergrove Agricultural Association monthly meetings - 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in our office in the Aldergrove Mall. Info: **857-0588.** 14-tf

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

180 Meetings

Evening Bridge Club meets weekly in the OAP Hall on 273rd St. Aldergrove, on Fridays, except the 2nd Friday of the month when the club plays on the Thursday before. Play is at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome at any level of skill or age. Admission $1.50. **856-4562.** 4-tf

Fraser Valley Science of Mind meetings with Rev. Lorne McLean as speaker.Every Monday, 7:30 p.m. Friendship House, McCallum Rd., Abbotsford. All welcome. Phone **856-5954.** 19-tf

KINETTE CLUB OF ALDERGROVE A service organization for women ages 21 - 45. Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of each month. Get involved in your community and have fun doing it. For more info call Michele **856-0606.** We welcome new members. 39-tf

The Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at St. Andrews Church, 20955 Old Yale Road, Langley at 8 p.m. Speaker, growing tips, show bench, library, etc. For more information call **583-3716.** 43-tf

Kinsmen Club of Aldergrove is a service organization for young men ages 21-45. Meetings are held every second Tuesday. For more information call Dan at **857-0092.** We welcome new members. 24-tf

The regular monthly meeting of the **Fraser Valley Rock and Gem Club** is held the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the O.A.P. Hall, 273rd St. off Fraser Hwy., Aldergrove. Visitors welcome. For info phone **853-2118** or **534-6996.** 43-tf

190 Support Groups

Langley Hospice Society is offering a Loss Support Program for adults, teens and children and their parents starting January 10,1996. Call **530-1115** to register and more information. 50-tf

HIV/AIDS Support Group, confidential and co-led by people whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS, is meeting from 1–3 pm at 22259–48 Ave.(near Blair Pool) on the first and third Monday of the month. Parking avail. from 48 Ave.Use side door. For more information, leave message with Langley Hospice Society at **530-1115.** 50-tf

Wives of team ropers may meet in heated coffee room of Steeles arena every Monday, Thursday & Saturday nights 7 pm. **856-4751.** 47-tf

Pregnant Teen and teen mom support group meets weekly at Fraser Valley Pregnancy Center in Aldergrove. Call **856-9151** ofr information/transportation. 42-tf

Telecare Crisis Line. Depressed? Need someone to share your concerns with? We're here 24 hrs./day for your confidential call. **852-9099.** 39-tf

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/M.E., Fibromyalgia. Too tired to walk, stand or think, constant flu, fever, muscle pain, poor sleep and memory, headaches? 32 support groups in B.C. Doug, **855-9431.** 43-tf

Alzheimer Society Support Group meets at Langley Seniors Recreation and Resource Centre, 19871–57A Ave.,Langley, every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and every 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Call **533-5277.** 43-tf

AL-ANON meetings, Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. The boardroom of Langley Seniors' Resource Centre. 533-3010. 43-tf

Is a relative or friend's drinking affecting you? Try **AL-ANON. 856-3648 , 857-0647, 688-1716.** 2-tf

If you have a drinking problem call **Alcoholics Anonymous. 533-5584 - 857-0023.** 43-tf

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non profit, weight control support group helping Men, Women and Teens to Take Off Pounds and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly. There are several daytime and evening chapters in our area. Please call Barb at **531-3726** or toll free **1-800-932-8677** for further information. 43-tf

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

190 Support Groups

Pregnant Teen Support Group offered by Langley Family Services. Free and confidential. Thursday 2- 4 p.m. For more information phone **534-7921.** 43-tf

T.O.P.S. (take pounds off sensibly). Join a new Aldergrove 9:15 Wed. morning group. Call **856-6715** for more details. 43-tf

Living With Cancer meetings, 7:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Langley Unit, 108-20218 Fraser Highway,Langley. For information call: **533-1668.** 43-tf

Emotions Anonymous. Serenity seekers. Thursday 7:30 p.m. 20550 Douglas Cres. Langley. Ken **530-4507.** 13-tf

Parent Connection: Self help support for parents of acting up teens. Meets weekly.For information on orientation-information session phone **325-0511** 43-tf

The Special Needs Adoptive Parents Support Group meet the fourth Thursday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Come join us for information and emotional support. For further details call Claudine at **852-8394.** 48-tf

FAS/FAE Support Group: For parents of a child with fetal alcohol syndrome or effect. Meet 1st & 3rd Thursday every month. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Abbotsford. For more info. call **852-8394.** 48-tf

Parents Together: Self-help/support for parents troubled by the acting-up behaviour of their teenagers. Groups which meet weekly offer support and problem solving ideas for positive changes in the family. Free introductory orientation/information sessions. To register call **Parentline 325-0511** 43-tf

2 PERSONALS

210 Miscellaneous

Langley Hospice Society is offering an advanced volunteer training program from Jan.2,1996 to Feb.6,1996. It explores group facilitation skills, different models of grief, suicide, homicide and children's grief. Call **530-1115** to register and more information. 50-tf

Aldergrove Date Line 1-900-451-3564 ext.947. $2.99 per minute. 18 and over. Vision Exports Inc. 12379 49-9

If anybody is interested in joining the Lion's Club to better your community, please contact Mackay **533-2094** or Wendy **856-4298.** 44-tf

Langley Meals on Wheels, a non-profit society, urgently needs volunteer drivers in Township of Langley and Aldergrove area. If you can commit to a route from apprx.11 am to 1 pm one day a week, or be on our lis of spares or on-call volunteers, call **533-1679.** 43-tf

Fundraising - Need money for your church, non-profit group or sports team? I can help you. Call **857-4617.** 41-tf

Fridays (ongoing): Prenatal classes for teens. Free classes available at Langley Health Unit, **532-2300.** 43-tf

Childbirth classes empowering parents to make choices for positive birth experiences. Small classes, personal attention, ongoing. Private classes & labour support available. Birth Resource Centre, Langley, **534-0650 or 856-7381.** 02-tf

The Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association needs VOLUNTEERS. For information call **888-1262 .** 42-tf

Langley Legal Assistance Centre - Your Community Law Office located at #201 - 20189 - 56 Ave., Langley, **530-5811.** Phone and enquire about your legal concerns. Free to low income people. 51-tf

Libra Transition House provides temporary emergency accommodation for physically, emotionally, or sexually abused women and their children. Staff provide counselling, support, information, and referrals to community resources. Day counselling available by appointment. For information call **857-5797.** Funded by Ministry of Women's Equality and community donations. 43-tf

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2 PERSONALS

210 Miscellaneous

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Pregnancy Problem Service, 20645 Douglas Cres., Langley, **533-3736.** Worried? We care. Free pregnancy test, confidential counselling; maternity & baby clothes & furniture. Hours - Tuesday 12-2, Tuesday/Wed./Thurs. 7-9 pm, or by appointment. 43-tf

Fraser Valley Pregnancy Centre Aldergrove. An unexpected pregnancy? We can help. Confidential free pregnancy test. Open Mon. Wed. Thurs. 11 am-6 pm. **856-9151.** 43-tf

230 Business Personals

250 Counselling Services

Judith Dumont Women Society provides one to one counselling/group sessions and pre-employment assistance. Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Drop-in workshops - Thursday 9:30-11:30 am. Phone no. **597-4741.** No charge for services. 40-tf

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11 AUCTIONS

12 LIVESTOCK

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Aldergrove Young Life needs warehouse space for Young Life Aldergrove work with skateboarders in town. **882-0591.** 48-5

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Avail. Jan.1 - 2 bdrm. rancher on quiet cul-de-sac, Clearbrook. 6' soaker tub, 4 appl. $890/mo. N/S, N/P. **856-7035.** 51-4

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Aldergrove - Large clean 2 bedroom basement suite, close to all amenities $700. incl. utilities. Avail. Jan.1. Pager # msg. **623-1941.** 51-3

Aldergrove 2 bdrm.apartment. Senior building. N/P.Avail.Jan.1. Rent $680/mo incl. heat/hot water. **857-0640.** 50-3

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Aldergrove basement suite, private entrance. 2 bdrm.,5 appl.,N/S,N/P. Refs req'd. $700/mo plus utilities. Avail.Jan1/96. **857-9425.** 50-3

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1710 Business Opportunities

1730 Condos/Townhouses

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1760 Mobile Homes

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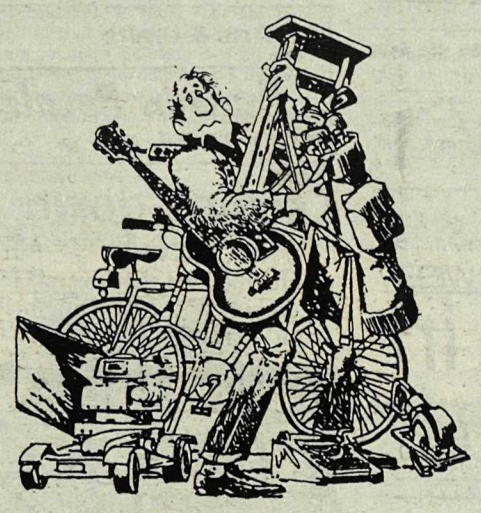

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20 AUTOMOTIVE

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1981 Ford automatic pickup, good cond., air cared. $950. **864-6345.** 51-3

1978 GMC 3/4 T PU $1,200. 1980 Ford Station wagon Mercury $300. **856-5756.** 50-4

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1982 Dodge Van 6 cyl.,auto, PB,PS, good running condition $900 obo. **888-3707.** 51-2

1982 Full camperized Dodge van, good shape $9,000 obo. 12' Foldaway boat w/row seat, motor $1,000. **856-7107.** 49-4

GATES IN NEWSWEEK

Latest in Snooze Ware

By WILLIAM F. POWERS
The Washington Post

If the book excerpt that's the cover story of this week's issue of Newsweek is any indication, Bill Gates the writer is every bit as scintillating as Bill Gates the public persona. It appears that the world's richest man does not produce the world's richest prose.

"Customized information is a natural extension of the tailored consultation capabilities of the highway," he writes in a typical moment, while discussing some aspect of the information highway that isn't half as arcane and bureaucratic as he makes it sound. Gates seems to be trying to convey the excitement he feels about the fabulous future world, but thanks to his writing style, that world ends up looking like a pretty drab place.

Even when the subject is all the fun we're supposedly going to have on-line, he writes like a man stuck in a low-grade depression, perhaps the result of having spent the last two decades planted in front of monitors crunching out software. "Significant investments will be required," he writes, " to develop great on-line content that will delight and excite PC users and raise the number on-line from 10 per cent up to 50 per cent, or even the 90 per cent I believe it will become.

...As the fidelity of visual and audio elements improves, reality in all its aspects will be more closely simulated."

And among the handful of hypothetical info highway scenarios he devises is this thriller: "Arnold Palmer or Nancy Lopez might offer golfers the chance to read or look at whatever golf material they have found helpful."

Gosh, Bill, is this the bold future you're leading us into?

This is not to say you shouldn't read the excerpt. By all means read it, first because Gates is one of the canniest businessmen around. Second, because there's also a chance he's one of the most dangerous businessmen around.

Paradise lost

The true paradises are the paradises we have lost. -Marcel Proust.

RICHARDS – Mrs. Florence Ethel Richards passed away into the presence of her Lord at her home in Abbotsford on December 21st, 1995 aged 81 years. Late of Abbotsford for the past 20 years and formerly of Saskatchewan. Predeceased by her daughter Mildred. Florence will be sadly missed by her loving family, 1 daughter Helen (& Jim) McIntosh of Coaldale, Alberta; 1 son Charles (& Ken McCaig) Field of Maple Ridge, B.C.; 8 grandchildren, 5 greatgrandchildren, and 1 great greatgrandchild; 1 sister Mary Levine of San Diego, California; 1 brother Robert Levine of Abbotsford; also many nieces, nephews and friends. The Service of Remembrance will be held at 1:30 pm Thursday, December 28th in the Chapel of Henderson's Fraser Valley Funeral Home, 34537 Marshall Road, Abbotsford. Pastor Dick Reeve officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in Florence's memory made to the Heart Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Henderson's Fraser Valley Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

Dioxins down

VANCOUVER - Survey results indicate that overall levels of dioxins and furans in shellfish from British Columbia coastal waters continue to decline. As a result, 40 percent of the area previously closed because of contamination is being reopened to shellfish harvesting.

Too late to classify

Langley Hospice Society invites anyone interested in supporting dying and bereaved people or their families to contact the office at **530-1115.** We also require office, bingo, casino and fundraising volunteers. 52-tf

Langley Hospice Society offers a monthly volunteer support group. The group meets on the last Monday of every month at 7 pm at the new address, **22259–48 Ave.** (near Blair Pool). 52-tf

Excellent new business $500+/wk. Part-time. **856-1824.** 52-2

49-key keyboard Casio, in good cond. $75 obo. **856-4831.** 52-2

2 bdrm. basement suite on 29 Ave/270 St. $500/mo., private entrance, avail. Feb. 1. **857-9628** after 7 pm. 52-2

Single male 48, smoker, needs one bedroom rental. Apt., house, trailer, cabin, around $350-$400 by Jan. 15. Len **857-5099.** 12411 52-2

Black hole discovered

By FRANK D. ROYLANCE

Take 1.2 billion stars the size of our sun, and squeeze.

Crush them down to a volume the size of your thumbnail, and you'll have something like the black hole just discovered by scientists at the Johns Hopkins University using the Hubble Space Telescope.

"These are clearly remarkable creatures," said Holland Ford, the Hopkins astronomer whose team found the new black hole.

They spotted it in a galaxy labelled NGC 4261, about 100 light years from Earth in the constellation Virgo. A light year is the distance light travels in one year, about 5.9 trillion miles.

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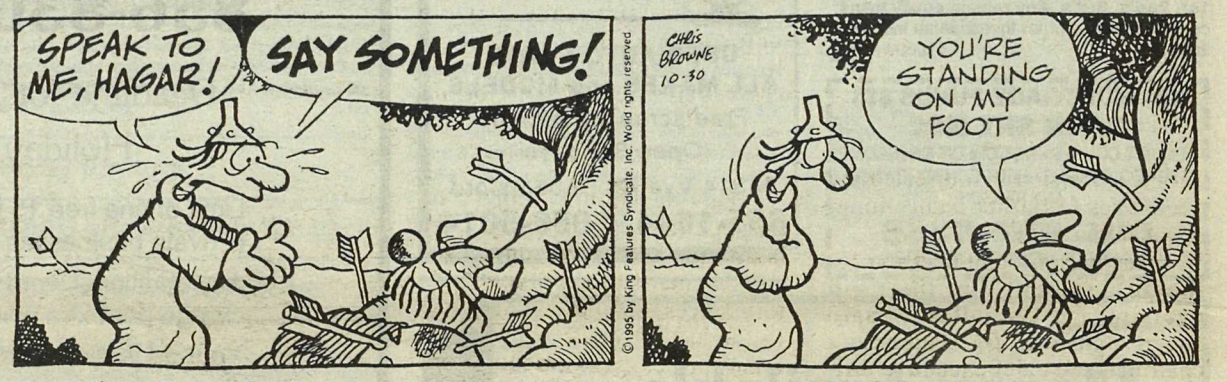

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Circulation peaking

The peak circulation of any weekly periodical was achieved by TV Guide, which in 1974 became the first magazine to sell a billion copies in a year. As of December 1992 it had a circulation of 14.40 million. The world's highest-circulation magazine is currently Modern Maturity, with a figure as of December 1992 of 22.87 million.

Region will proceed with treatment plant

BURNABY – Greater Vancouver property taxpayers will foot the bill for the remaining $113-million cost of upgrading the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment plant, located in Richmond. The GVRD voted to pay the entire bill itself after receiving firm refusals for funding assistance from both senior governments.

The decision resolves months of uncertainty about the cost sharing of the necessary upgrade. The provincial government has refused to contribute to the cost of the project although it has shared the cost of upgrading the GVRD wastewater treatment facility at Annacis Island in Delta, and others around B.C. Premier Harcourt and Environment Minister Sihota both cited cuts in federal transfer payments as the province's reason for lack of assistance with funding.

In its special meeting Dec. 21, the GVRD reversed an earlier decision not to proceed until the provincial government committed its share of the cost. In making a firm commitment to proceed with construction at Lulu Island, the GVRD is recognizing the importance of the Fraser River ecosystem, and its preservation as a valuable natural resource.

However, there is concern over provincial and federal downloading of mandated programs. "The main concern from our point of view is, where does it end?" asked GVRD chair Greg Halsey-Brandt. "We are worried that this is just the tip of the iceberg, and that senior governments will continue to transfer programs they have mandated onto the municipal property taxpayer."

The commitment to build the facility will mean Lower Mainland homeowners will be paying the entire bill for the upgrade, which is estimated to cost an extra $0.32 in regional taxes per household in 1996, rising to an average of $9.78 per household by the year 2000. The total cost of the project is $132-million.

BC Tel happy about response to petition

BURNABY – BC Tel is pleased with the federal cabinet's decision to change part of a Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications ruling announced on October 31, to overturn the portion of the CRTC's decision that directed the companies to further reduce long-distance rates.

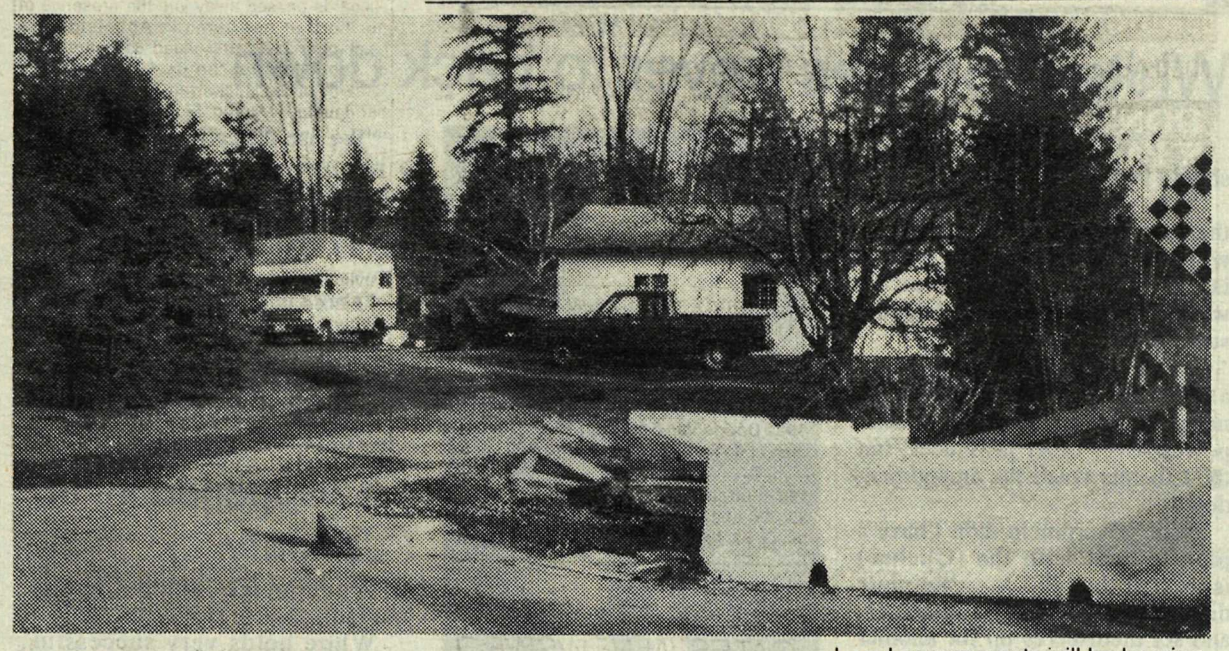
"This was a tough decision for the government, but the right decision for Canadians," said Brian Canfield, BC Telecom's chairman and chief executive officer. "It puts the Canadian telecommunications industry back on track to invest in the infrastructure Canadians must have to access the services necessary to compete in today's global economy.

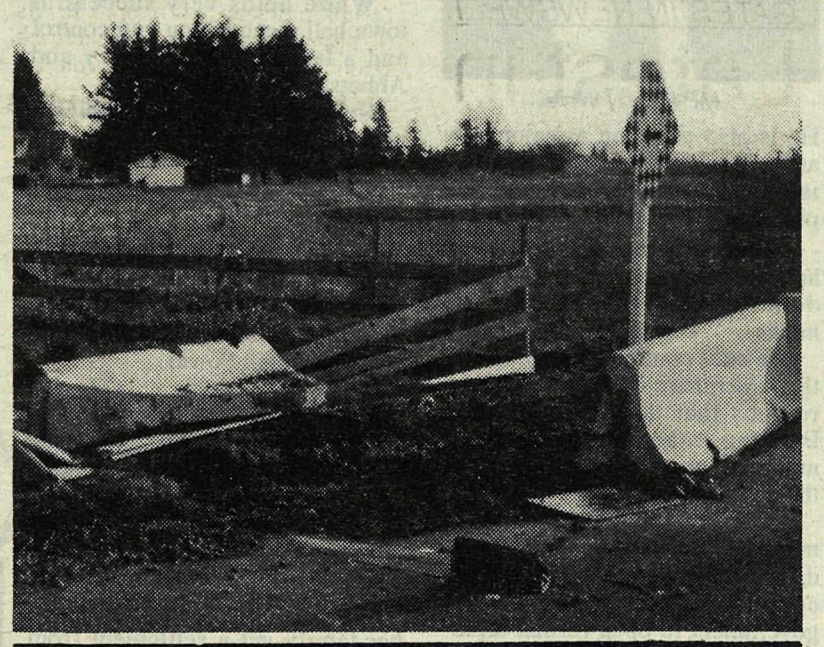
"This decision gives us the flexibility we need to revisit our capital investment plans for 1996. It also enhances our ability to participate in British Columbia's Electronic Highway Accord,"

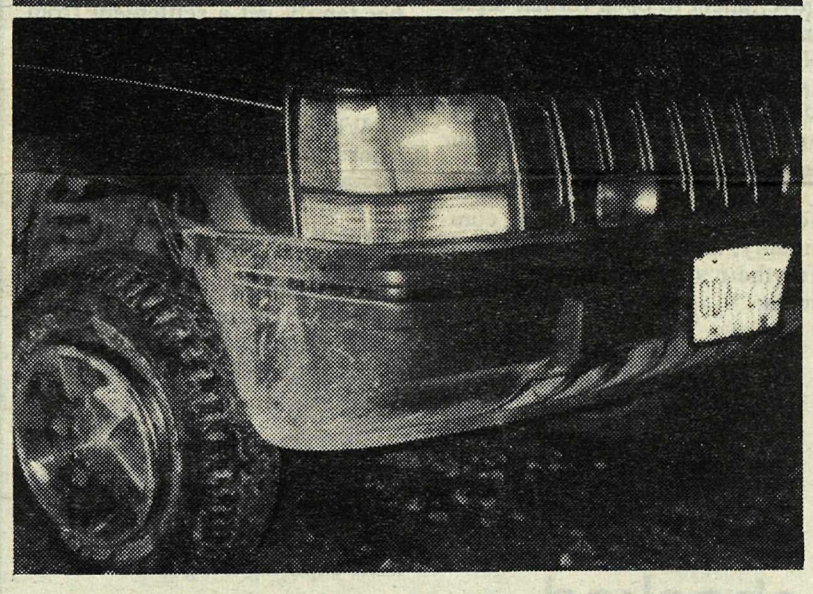
Earlier this fall, the provincial government and many private-sector organizations, including BC Tel, joined together to expand and accelerate British Columbians' access to the information highway and information-age services.

"This decision reinforces the fact that the long-distance market is already intensely competitive and that market forces, not regulatory forces, should dictate prices. In the last 10 years, our long-distance prices have already come down an average of 50 per cent, which is very competitive with U.S. prices."

BC Tel has already announced its commitment to developing a range of local-service options, which will provide consumers with more choice. This will include a budget option for customers who prefer a minimum level of service. BC Tel will submit its proposal to the CRTC early next year.







Local governments will be hearing again from Kevin and Tammie Haney, after a speeding Jeep flew over the concrete berm in front of their home on Christmas Eve -- only a rear-ender with a parked fullsize luxury car belonging to Kevin's dad prevented the near-new Jeep from running right into the bedroom of the Haney's daughter. It was only that morning that Langley municipal work crews had put the berm back in place after someone else had rammed it during the freezing rainstorm a couple weeks earlier. While the Haneys live in Abbotsford district, at 2815 - 276 Street, the roads are in Langley township's jurisdiction and this has sort of put the Haneys in a "no man's land" as far as getting the situation resolved. The intersection of 28 Avenue and 276 Street sees far too many accidents, even though they are usually the result of excessive speed and recklessness.

"It was Christmas Eve with the family, but it sounded like the end of the world was heading at us," said Tammie. "My husband now parks his pickup in front of the house -- we'd rather have it hit than the house and our daughter."

The Jeep below may look in remarkably good shape, but the damage to the frame and undercarriage means a trip to the wreckers.

Your point of view is disappearing faster and faster from sight

By FRANK OGDEN

VANCOUVER - What's your point of view on this matter? was a common question during the faded Industrial Age.

Almost everyone has always had an opinion on almost everything, and we could usually provide accurate backup evidence to support our points of view.

It was part of our culture and of many others in the so-called Western World. Exit another long-held situation which we thought to be stable. Nothing stays stationary anymore.

Think of your most recent airline flight. The plane was docked at the terminal gate and passengers filed aboard. After getting settled, most looked out the window to watch the last of the new in-flight food containers delivered and baggage loaded into cargo compartments below.

Various vehicles and other planes were shuffling back and forth over the tarmac. Finally your plane was hauled backwards from the docking site and cleared for startup. The plane turned, headed for the active runway and rose into the air.

Your previously fixed 'point of view' was changing all the time your aircraft was moving - on one plane, the horizontal.

Moments after leaving the ground, things changed more dramatically. Now you were moving up into the air - at an increasingly accelerating air speed, in itself vastly different from ground speed.

The vehicles and planes witnessed moments before had converted into Legoland as distance from these objects rapidly increased.

You were now moving on three planes, not one. You were going up and probably turning as the pilot flew into his registered flight plan for that particular flight.

After that move your plane was also being affected by prevailing winds, the pilot correcting for such winds may not be pointing directly to where he was going but slightly on an angle as he adjusted controls.

Soon after takeoff, you were travelling at 180 miles per hour, flight control zone speed. Landmarks on the ground raced rapidly by, although as you were now several thousands of feet into the air it did not appear so rapid due to your perception at a greater distance.

Your altitude and broadened horizons have widened to 50 miles, more if conditions were unusually clear in all directions. You were absorbing different information visually. And it was constantly changing.

At cruising altitude aircraft speed accelerated rapidly to around 500 mph ground speed. This could jump to 600 mph if the pilot finds favorable winds or strong headwinds could reduce it to 450 miles or less.

Meanwhile everything else has changed. Likely you can no longer see the ground as the plane broke through the prevailing cloud cover - a white comforter stretching to all quadrants.

Now, what's your point of view?

This rather lengthy explanation suggests how our thinking must change and dramatically so we can survive tomorrow.

Old perceptions are no longer appropriate. Change is happening too fast.

We are entering new worlds, using new equipment, finding connections to 5.5 billion other humans. We no longer are just the 50 countries that the United Nations named in 1948, but now 218. Some of those here in 1948 no longer exist.

Both in our working and personal lives, we will soon recognize we can no longer maintain an individual 'point of view.'

All the new information arriving at accelerating speeds makes that impossible.

To survive these changes we must learn pattern recognition. It must become almost intuitive. Women may do much better here than men. Remember that between the time you started reading this column and when you finish, the world has changed.

Business executives are often ridiculed because they appear to always be on the phone.

If your job is to remain viable, you darn well better be on the phone. Current information is required to make the right decision. Too many wrong ones and your job gets the chop. It isn't as easy as in the Industrial Age. Anything that interferes with the smooth flow of information and consequential decisions and action must be moved aside.

That means old regulations, old union staffing restrictions and other inefficiencies. Lead, move or get out of the way.

Consider digital Equipment, once the number two computer vendor in the world. they moved too slowly to change even though management tried. Too many old formulas wouldn't be altered.

The company reached crucial decision stage. Change, and drastically, or go bankrupt in three months.

They had more than 100,000 employees. Some 40,000 got the chop. Spending was decreased by $3.3-billion. Twenty-one million square feet of real estate dumped.

Twenty-five of their 35 manufacturing plants closed. Eight business units replaced 140. They are now producing five times as many computers as before. But they are still not secure. Down sizing will continue.

Competition is fierce. Running large companies today is not the soft touch it was in the past. That's why those CEOs who survive get paid what they do. They deserve it.

The world has always been moving even if we are standing still. We have to change. The hermit's cave of the past is no longer a viable alternative.

White promises never to back down

From front

should love it.'

"They desperately threw out the carrot of a 'distinct society' without knowing exactly what it is. They still haven't come up with a clear definition for 'distinct society.'

"The Reform party tried to amend the legislation so it does not give any one province special powers over other provinces, but the Liberals voted the amendment down.

"The government didn't have a plan to deal with the (Quebec) issue. All they did is create more differences and less similarities, and set themselves up for another battle."

White is also upset that the Liberal government refused to put the Reform Party in official Opposition in the House of Commons.

"The government doesn't have a plan for the future. They just think that the Bloc is good opposition because they are not strong or critical," White said. "The Bloc is not interested in anything outside Quebec, so the Liberals are not being challenged and are getting an easy ride. I have never heard a Bloc MP say anything about any issue not concerning Quebec. It's sad."

Next Year White plans to continue his fight against crime, and step-up his fight for victims' rights.

"I plan to deal with all issues of crime and to help all victims of crime in the riding, by pushing for their rights," he said. "The plight of victims is paramount, but are not taken into serious consideration by judges, lawyers, parole boards, immigration boards etc. Criminals have more rights.

In February White is planning to table a Private Members Bill he calls the Victims Bill of Rights.

MP Randy White

He is also planning a major rally at the Ag Rec Centre to which he is inviting victims, the interested public and the media.

White said that much of what he has done, couldn't have been done without the help of the media.

He cites continued coverage by the Aldergrove Star as one of the reasons that the deportation of Bounjan Inthavong gathered so much attention and support from the public.

"The community can make a major difference in the way Canada is run," he said. "This little community forced the federal government to open formal diplomatic relations with (the People's Republic of) Laos. We didn't go in with an ax, we just showed them what is wrong and made suggestions on how to fix it. Our little community did all that."

White thanks the local papers for keeping a watch on the community, and the community itself for their support, criticism and ideas.

"We use the calls we receive as a barometer, so we know that what we are doing is really supporting and helping the communities of Abbotsford and Aldergrove.

"There is one thing though that I want to make perfectly clear," he said. "Once I have decided to take-up an issue, those who think I'm going to go away, or back down, are fooling themselves."

It happened in '95

January

White knocks alcohol use in our jails.

White holds very successful town hall meetings on gun control and a tax revolt in Langley and Abbotsford.

Reform party caucus tables a proposed federal budget.

February

White actively pursues the Bounjan Inthavong deportation case, making headlines and progress throughout the year.

White pursues the deportation of Daljit Singh Powar.

March

White and Chuck Strahl cohost a townhall meeting on Aboriginal land claims and self government.

White supports the victims of convicted pedophile Allan Winter.

White helps Bonnie Lucas and her family get a settlement from her insurance company.

April May

White tackles the issue of prisoners getting free condoms in prison.

White shouts patronage as Peter Warkentin is appointed a director of the Canadian Commercial Corporation.

White releases a list of ridiculous grants given by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council.

June

White opposes government help to the Winnipeg Jets.

White tackles the Highway 104 issue exposing Dingwall.

July

White goes to the Maritimes to spread Reform.

White tackles the Vincent Cockriell parole issue.

August

Reform MPs refuse government pension plan.

September

White hosts a townhall meeting on equality.

White brings up the issue of 'Operation bleach' at Matsqui Prison.

October

White and the Reform Party pursue the Quebec Referendum to a No vote.

White is interviewed on a panel on the decriminalization of marijuana.

November

White handles the Gary Scott Murray case.

Open house at White's constituency office with Preston Manning.

December

Prisoners receiving overtime pay and special unemployment insurance benefits angers White.

Year in review interview with The Star.

Reformers search for reform

The Reform Party is positioning itself for a showdown with the Bloc Quebecois as to which party should rightly be considered Her Majesty's Official Opposition in the House of Commons.

Spearheaded by Lethbridge MP Ray Speaker, the move will involve an interpretation of the rules governing the structure of the Commons. While tradition has it that the party with the second largest number of seats – Reform has 52 to the Bloc's 53 – shall be the Official Opposition, Speaker has pointed out a clause in Beauchesne's Rules and Forms of the House of Commons.

The part reads that "the political party which has the right to be called 'Official Opposition' is the largest minority group that is prepared, in the event of the resignation of the government, to assume office.."

Given that the Bloc is the opposition and is currently spearheading the campaign to remove Quebec from Confederation, that takes them out of the running should that clause be invoked.

And so it should be.

Part of the Bloc's campaign in the 1993 election campaign was quite up front about Quebec separatism. They were not going to Ottawa to help build a nation, but, rather, to destroy it.

That having been said, the Speaker of the House should be taking Speaker's initiative seriously.

Williams land deals should be checked

VANCOUVER – BC Liberal Finance Critic Fred Gingell called upon Employment and Investment Minister Glen Clark to respond to a series of unanswered questions surrounding the questionable land deal entered into by NDP insider Bob Williams.

"As an NDP leadership hopeful, it is incumbent upon Clark to show the people of British Columbia that he has learned from the Harcourt legacy of deception and that he is committed to change," Gingell said. "He can start by investigating this land transaction and show that he will not continue to tolerate the NDP's practice of special deals for friends and insiders.

"I also question the propriety of someone holding Williams' position being involved in land speculation in the first place," said Gingell. "Public office carries with it a responsibility to uphold the public trust that precludes one from participating in business deals which may be questionable. This is one of those situations. When a highly placed public servant has profited from a land transaction adjacent to a provincial highway project, it raises many legitimate concerns. In my opinion, that is just bad government."

New area code next year

BURNABY – British Columbia will get a second area code one year from today. This new area code - 250 - will apply to all regions of the province outside the Lower Mainland, the Sunshine Coast, Whistler and Hope.

"We're reminding our business customers to check their phone systems," said Dale Reid, BC Tel's manager of network planning. "Some systems may need to be updated or reprogrammed to handle calls to this new type of area code. Some older equipment may not be able to recognize new area codes with a middle digit other than 0 or 1."

Customers can check if their telecommunications equipment can connect calls to new area codes by dialling a toll-free number in Oregon - 1-541-334-0057 - between November 5, 1995 and June 30, 1996.

"If customers can't get through and hear the test number's recorded message, their system needs to be reprogrammed or upgraded. They should contact their equipment vendor, consultant or agent for more information," Reid said.

BC Tel is also reminding businesses in the 250 area code region to tell customers and suppliers about their new area code, and to ensure that all advertising and stationery has updated telephone numbers by October 19, 1996.

In addition, long-distance telephone numbers in the new area code region that are currently stored in equipment, such as fax machines, cellular telephones and automatic diallers, will need to be reprogrammed before June 1997.

"Introducing a new area code will enable us to accommodate the expected growth in telephone numbers in this province well into the 21st century,: said Reid.

Next October, callers dialling a telephone number in the new area code region will still be able to use either 604 or 250 to complete the call. However, BC Tel is encouraging customers to start using the new area code when it's introduced.

In June 1997, the grace dialling period will end. If the wrong area code is dialled, a recording will advise callers to hang up and dial the correct code.

Customers who have questions about the new area code can call 1-800-661-7202.

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