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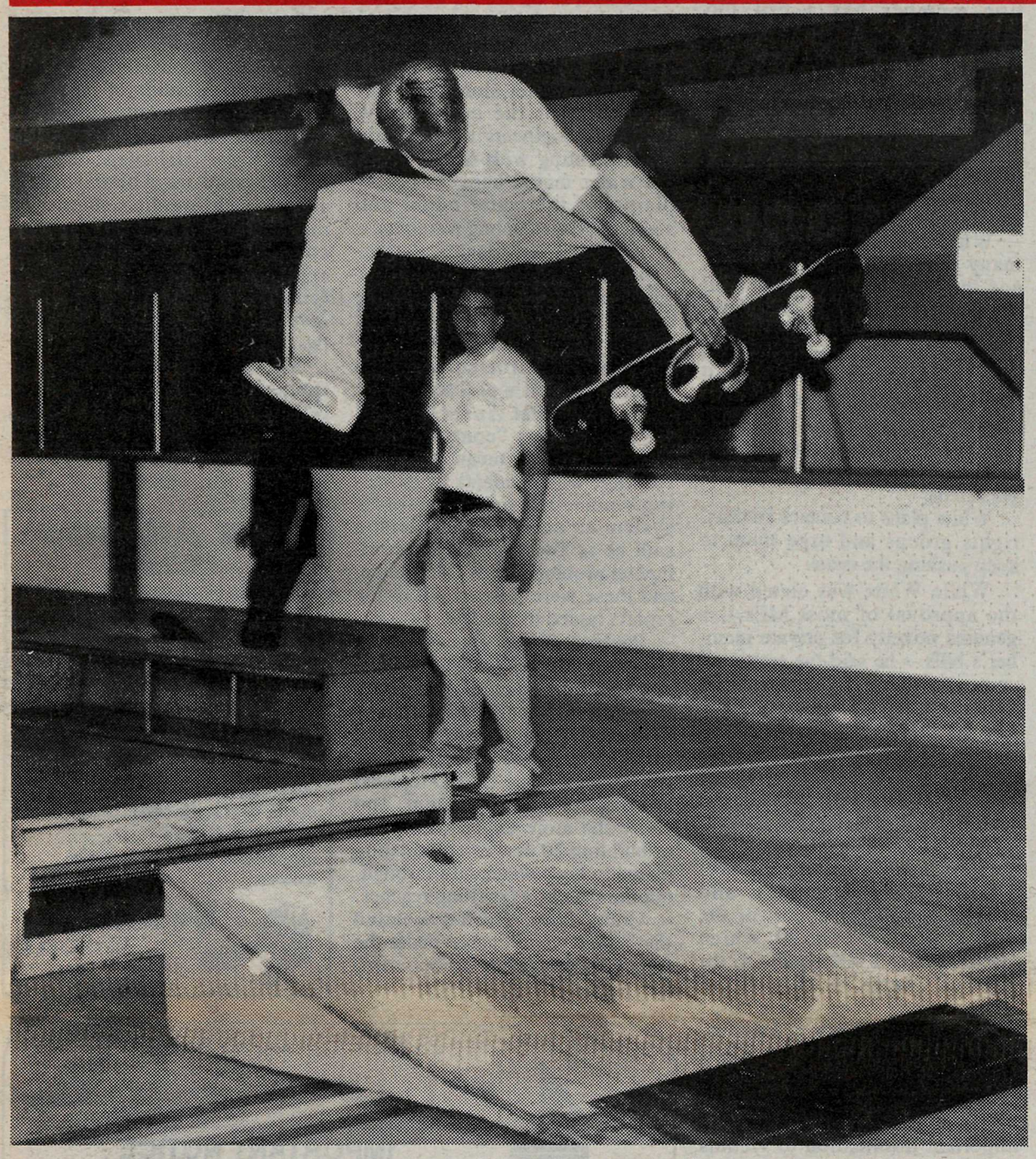

Extreme boarding! Scott Chalmers demonstrated his style at the skateboarding event held at Aldergrove Arena Saturday evening, attracting about 150 kids and featuring three local bands performing on the floor. See story and photos, page 6. -Kurt Langmann photo

Killer has at least three other victims

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

ABBOTSFORD - Police confirmed on Tuesday that a letter, attached to a wrench and thrown through a window of a Princess Street home on February 21, was the work of the Abbotsford Killer

Spokesperson Elly Sawchuck said the letter, written by the killer, outlines in detail several attempted sexual assaults that took place during the summer and fall of 1995, and indicates that the two 16 year-olds were not his first victims. Police have confirmed three of the assaults described in the letter.

Tanya Smith was sexually assaulted and killed, and her friend Misty Cockerill was badly beaten, on October 14, 1995, and were believed to be his first victims.

After Smith's murder, the killer phoned police several times taunting them to catch him. Once he even criticized them for thinking he may be stupid enough to leave fingerprints behind.

On February 17, he vandalized Smith's tombstone, writing threats on it such as "Misty Cockerill, you're next," "I'm still out there," and "I'm not going away." He removed the stone and left it on a news cruiser outside a local radio station.

Police are still looking for two vehicles connected to these incidents.

One is a brown, American car with a lighter coloured roof, possibly vinyl, that was seen at G.G.'s Sports Bar, where the killer called police from on Halloween night, and at Rotary Stadium, where he called again on February 19.

The other vehicle is a blue and yellow striped Volkswagen van, which was seen in the cemetery the night the tombstone was vandalized. Police have received no tips about it and believe he may have painted it.

Sawchuck also said they have DNA samples taken from Smith's body but don't have a bank here, so they have nothing to match the sample to.

Tips regarding the case are still coming in and being investigated, although the task force was

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Democracy skewed by Liberal's lies, says MP

By KURT LANGMANN

OTTAWA - MP Randy White said he's offering "no apologies" for his unparliamentary conduct, in calling the Chretien government's flip-flop on eliminating the GST "bold-faced lies." White was given the opportunity to "cool down" by the house speaker, but his refusal to withdraw the charge meant he was ejected from the Commons last week.

"Bold-faced lies... that's just the way it is," White told The Star, noting that Ontario Liberal MPs John Nunziata and Dennis Mills were both expelled from the Liberal party that same week because of their disagreement with the government's plans to keep the tax and harmonize it with provincial sales taxes.

"The GST was a big issue in Ontario during the last election. The Reform party came in second place in 52 ridings in Ontario, and if Jean Chretien had been honest about his plans for the GST, how many of the 52 would have been first places for Reform?" said White. "Even if we'd had three more seats, there would have been no problem with the Bloc Quebecois, they would not have been the official opposition. The ramifications of the Liberals misleading the public have had a significant affect on democracy in this country."

White also chewed out the government's harmonization plan for three maritime provinces, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick: "The Liberal government gave them $1-billion to go along with it, and for this they had to borrow the money from the U.S. and Japan. What are they saying?"

White said a controversial sexual orientation bill promoted by justice minister Allan Rock is "absolutely bound to further split the Liberal party. The honeymoon is over for the government. They've made martyrs, heroes, out of people like Nunziata by throwing him out for his challenge against their effort to redefine their GST commitment. They promised to scrap the GST, plain and simple. How arrogant".

White said constituency support is high for Nunziata and Mills, and if an election is called later this year, as some have predicted, there will be fewer Liberal MPs in Ontario and B.C. "It's time to turf the traditional parties. The Liberals kept politicians' pensions, the GST, patronage is as rank as it ever was, they haven't reformed the Senate, and they've borrowed more money."

Reformers will benefit from the situations unfolding in Ottawa, and White said the Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats are both finished. "We're in the right place and the right time," said White.

Arnason ousted by 4 in push for new centre

LANGLEY - At their April 22 meeting, the majority of councillors unceremoniously dumped coun. Muriel Arnason from her longstanding appointment to the Fraser Valley Regional Library board. The motivation is the thrust of certain councillors to have tenants for the Civic Core Cultural Centre project on Murrayville hill, including a library branch and possibly the FVRL's headquarters.

Last month, couns. Steve Burton, Heather McMullan, Trudi Campen and Steve Ferguson appointed McMullan in place of Arnason to vainly argue for relocation of the headquarters, which as Arnason predicted, was rebuffed by the FVRL board, as the move was unnecessary and too expensive. McMullan also put in a request for a branch at Murrayville, which normally requires a two-year FVRL planning process for approval.

Arnason, who has faithfully reported on FVRL activities to council's general disinterest, was incensed at the surprise ejection: "I've served well, this is an insult to my integrity. The library is a co-operative, and the demand (for Murrayville's library as a priority) is out of order... it'll mean that places like Yale will go to the back of the list."

Coun. Mel Kositsky argued that "the whole system is in transition" and under evaluation because of Delta's possible exit from the FVRL. "A new library is too much of a burden at this time, and I don't think the cultural centre is dependent on it. It'll make a nice addition at a later date."

Citing the need to "represent the majority of council," Burton said McMullan's mandate is to "change the long-standing policy... (McMullan) will stick with it until it's resolved."

"Time is of the essence," said Ferguson. "We're going to construction."

Victims get day in Ottawa

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

OTTAWA - Randy White (MP Fraser Valley West), along with the community of Abbotsford/Aldergrove, and various victim's rights groups across the country, have achieved the impossible.

White's Private Members Bill for a Victim's Bill of Rights, introduced in the House of Commons as a motion to have the government direct the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to proceed with the drafting of a Victim's Bill of Rights..., passed by a vote of 154 to 24 after one day of debate.

Free votes were allowed by government, for what White called a non-partisan issue, and the sole 24 opposing votes came from Bloc Quebecois members.

The draft will be based on White's proposed Victims' Bill of Rights, which he has been work-

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Victims groups pleased with federal moves

From front...

ing on since 1994.

"It is very rare that an opposition member has a bill put through the House of Commons," White said. "Justice Minister Allan Rock, who spoke after I did, said he would support the motion.

"It's a good day here, and there are a lot of happy campers, because finally, victims will have equal footing with criminals."

White added that there are many other issues on the table, and the Standing Committee will probably not start the draft until the fall.

"I estimate that it will be about six to eight months after the fall session starts that we will have a draft," he said. "It all depends on how active and persistent we are, and everyone knows we are very persistent."

White plans to contact victims' rights groups and urge them to keep pushing the issue.

While White was elated with the approval of most MPs -- a genuine novelty for private member's bills -- he said the real work comes now with development of a national standard for the legislation by the House Justice Committee. He added that he will support any moves by the provinces to develop their own measures in harmony with the national laws.

Victim's organization spokespersons have supported the proposed bill at all stages, and showed dramatic support of the goal at a rally, Feb. 29, which attracted over 2,000 people to the Ag-Rec Centre in Abbotsford. Support has been unanimous among CAVEAT, CRY, Fair Justice and Move The Rock Campaign, and other groups. White said the emphasis of the proposed bill is on providing relevant and important information to victims regarding their cases, as well as allowing submission of victim impact statements and ensuring the provision of victim's privacy.

Chloramine option deplored

ALDERGROVE - Township council says it has no money for major water improvement projects in this community, but they had plenty of time to criticize Abbotsford's system last Monday.

Council is on record as unable to afford filtration of municipal well water from three Aldergrove wells, or connection to the GVRD water system, let alone the "soft services" for the community. Township engineers are currently experimenting with scrubbing of the water mains here, but complaints of the water odour and staining persist among residents.

A letter from Eleanor Parkinson and the Bertrand Creek Enhancement Society, opposing connection to the Abbotsford water system because of their use of chloramine, fueled township council's criticism of that option.

Engineer Pat Anderson said chloramine was "controversial" and they "didn't mean to raise a red flag" with residents by including connection to Abbotsford's system as an option. Anderson said he is aware of the environmental problems with chloramine, and these were pointed out in the reports issued to residents.

Parkinson had observed that tap water entering storm sewers, such as the case of residents washing their cars, could negatively affect fish-bearing streams if chloramine was used. This was the reason that the GVRD rejected chloramine for its system, and chose the more expensive option of building 20 new re-chlorination plants to keep water safe throughout the system's far-flung reaches.

Coun. Steve Burton recalled that "there was a charge under the fishery act (against Abbotsford) for a minor fish kill" when firefighters fought a blaze at a Mount Lehman Road poultry hatchery shortly after use of chloramine began there. Firefighters have since used chemicals to neutralize the chloramine when water's used near streams.

Coun. Steve Ferguson said Abbotsford's considering changing over to filtration of its water, which comes primarily from Norrish Creek on the north side of the Fraser River, and suggested that the pressure on Abbotsford to abandon chloramine should be increased. Coun. Trudi Campen countered that strong measures appeared unlikely, as "Victoria (city) has used chloramine for several decades, and exposed it to the ocean" without penalty.

Mayor John Scholtens said the township had voted with the GVRD against chloramine use, and that none of the councillors seemed likely to approve its use in Aldergrove, either.

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Ferguson declines B.C. Reform offer

ABBOTSFORD - Mayor George Ferguson said Tuesday that's he's turned down an offer from Reform leader Jack Weisgerber to run as a provincial candidate here, and that he intends to seek another term as mayor. Ferguson said the amalgamation of Abbotsford and Matsqui is still in process and that he's still got plenty of work to do in completing the job.

Ferguson, who operates a dairy farm near Vedder Mountain along with his son, has had a long and successful career as a municipal politician. He started as mayor of Sumas, was elected mayor of Abbotsford when it amalgamated with Sumas, then was elected mayor of Abbotsford when it amalgamated with Matsqui. While his character has a "plain-folks" style, his political skills are formidable, balancing fiscal conservatism with a social conscience.

Cull "fibbing"

VICTORIA – Finance Minister Elizabeth Cull has misled constituents about the size of the debt and cost of government, the Reform Party claimed last week.

Cull has mailed constituents in the Oak Bay-Gordon Head riding a report which claims that "the cost of government per person" has declined from $5,628.71 in 1991 to $5,217.85.

Reform leader Jack Weisgerber claims that, using Cull's own budget figures, costs actually climbed from $4,924 per capita in 1991, when the NDP took office, to $5,383 in 1995.

Moreover, the auditor general's report shows the cost of government per capita rising from $5,288 in the 1991/1992 year to $5,893 in 1994/1995.

"It is dishonest and deceitful for Ms. Cull to misrepresent the true sorry state of her government's fiscal track record," said Weisgerber.

Vote for whatzizname

VICTORIA - Election day will be Tuesday, May 28. Premier Glen Campbell requested dissolution of the legislature, Tuesday afternoon, from Lt-Governor Garde Gardom, after the budget speech was made in the legislature that morning. Opposition leaders Gordon Weisgerber and Jack Clark welcomed the announcement.

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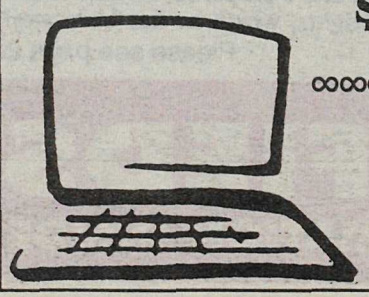

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Police unveil new evidence in search for killer

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After the incident was broadcasted on American television shows, including Hard Copy, Unsolved Mysteries, American Journal and Evening Magazine, tips began coming in from all over the United States.

"We received tips from as far away as Texas and New York, but most have been discounted," Sawchuck said. "There are a few tips from the border areas that we are taking a closer look at, and of course we have checked with the borders."

Police have also released a tape recording of some of the killers calls. Anyone interested can hear a recording of the killer's voice by calling 864-4722.

The killer is described as white, between 30 and 40 years of age, and between 5'10" and 6'2", with a slim build and strong upper torso. He has reddish brown hair with a receding hairline and a sandy, reddish moustache. He has freckles on his forearms and hands, and the backs of his hands are hairy. He may have a tattoo of an anchor on one of his forearms, possibly with the name 'Jamie' written under it, may wear a Medic Alert bracelet, and may wear a gold watch

Anyone with information about the murder of Tanya Smith and beating of Misty Cockerill is asked to call Abbotsford Police at 859-5225, toll free 1-800-898-6111, or CrimeStoppers at 855-TIPS(8477).

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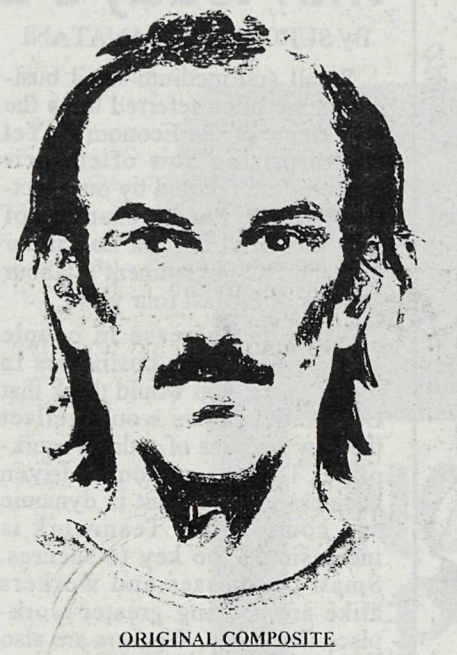

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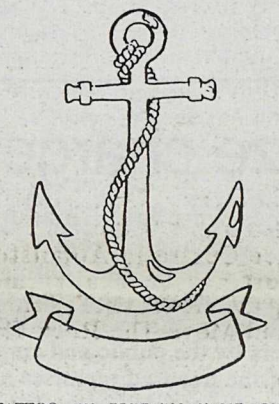

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Discussing 'Cascadia'

BELLINGHAM - A cross-border business luncheon and workshop will be held at Lakeway Inn, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., hosted by the Cascadia Border Working Group. Issues discussed include shared border accords' impact on local ports of entry, commercial clearances, "open skies" one year later, an update on PACE, immigration and border issues, creation of international tourism market and the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Cascadia. The day will close with roundtable discussions. For information and registration, call 206-287-3404.

NDP cheating taxman, Grits claim

VICTORIA – The New Democratic Party has violated the new Election Act by concealing the names of donors and issuing tax receipts for twice the amount donated, the Liberals claimed last week.

The Liberal caucus released documents which they claimed were proof the NDP issued $1.1-million more in tax receipts than it received in the second half of 1995.

The Grits produced other financial documents which they claimed show the NDP had evaded requirements to report the source of all donations by laundering $21,087 through the party's fund raising arm, the Commonwealth Society.

"It is ironic that the NDP should be the first to violate their own disclosure laws," said Liberal MLA Mike de Jong.

NDP provincial secretary Brian Gardiner blasted the the Liberals and offered an explanation for each accusation.

"I'm afraid the only thing revealed by the Liberal allegations is the party's desperation and the lengths they'll go when it comes to slinging mud for cheap political points," said Gardiner.

Train kills motorist

LANGLEY - SURREY - A 23 year-old man is dead after a CN freight train hit his vehicle, as it was crossing the tracks at Logan and 200 Street, just after Midnight, Saturday, April 27.

The train operator attempted to avoid the collision but could not stop the train in time.

Police are still investigating the accident to determine why the vehicle was stopped on the tracks.

The victim's name is being with held pending notification of next of kin.

Police seek public assist

SURREY - Police are asking for public assistance in locating 33 year-old Robert John Anderson, of no fixed address, who has outstanding warrants for assault and uttering threats.

The warrants were issued after Anderson was charged for assaulting, criminally harassing, and uttering threats against an ex-common law partner.

He is described as 6', 225 pounds, with a moustache and brown hair and eyes.

Police say Anderson, who may be using false identification, should be considered dangerous, and may be armed.

Anyone with information as to his whereabouts is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 599-0502 or CrimeStoppers at 669-TIPS (8477).

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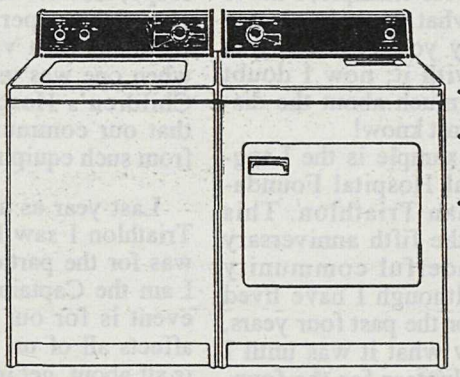

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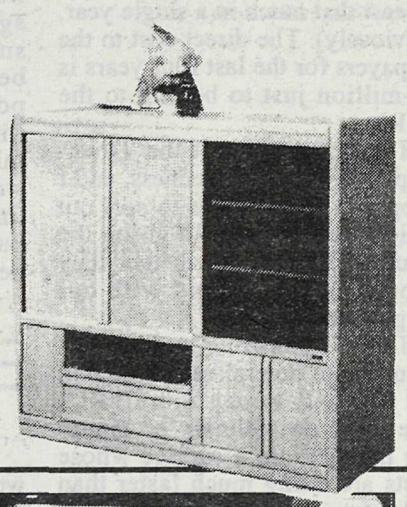

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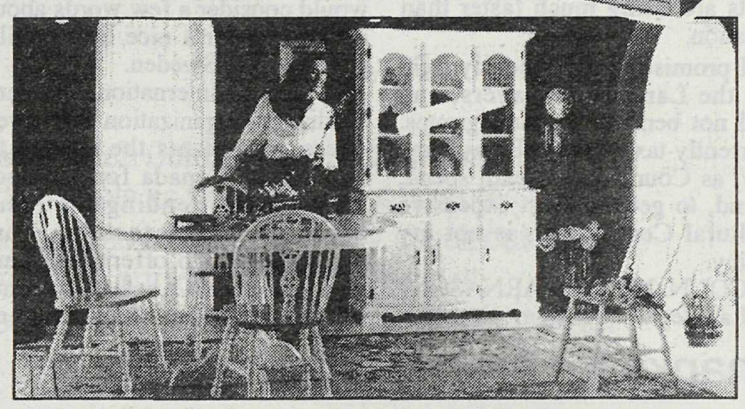

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Fighter for taxpayers won't stop

Editor, The Star, Sir,

My main focus as a Municipal Councillor has always been to be a guardian of public monies. I believe that a referendum vote for approval of large ticket items is the only way to know if the public approves of all the aspects in a large expenditure. Not only is the cost of the facility important, but also the never-ending cost of upkeep which adds to the tax burden.

The public has not been given a chance to approve or disapprove of the Cultural Centre project. Two of the Task Force members vocally disapproved of the contents of the Cultural Centre. Money has been put away in reserves for the project, and some Municipal lands are being sold to partially pay the bill, with a possibility of having to borrow money to complete Phase 1. The cost of the Library/Information Centre will be $1.4-million. As a taxpayer, I would appreciate an opportunity to vote on the whole package, including the library.

Getting a library in Murrayville is not an easy task. The Fraser Valley Regional Library is a cooperative system, with libraries from Delta to Boston Bar. It takes at least two years to get a library, and if the FVRL breaks up, Langley would be paying the whole price for all services. Langley cannot afford another library at this stage, ($1.4-million), and if one were built in Murrayville, another community library would need to be sacrificed, (probably Brookswood), or the annual library levies increased dramatically (already an increase of 14% in the last three years and at least that much in a single year, previously). The direct cost to the taxpayers for the last four years is $5-million just to belong to the FVRL.

I will not commit the Township to further indebtedness, and I support a referendum to sort out which facilities should go on the Murrayville hill, or whether they should be cost-shared with our neighbours.

Delta is preparing to go to referendum to determine whether or not they with to stay with FVRL., They will no willingly be pumping monies into a service whose costs are rising much faster than inflation.

I promise to continuously fight for the Langley taxpayers, and will not bend to pressure groups. Currently taxpayers will pay, pay, pay, as Councillors spend, spend, spend, to get the most expensive Cultural Centre. This is not my policy.

COUN. MURIEL ARNASON,
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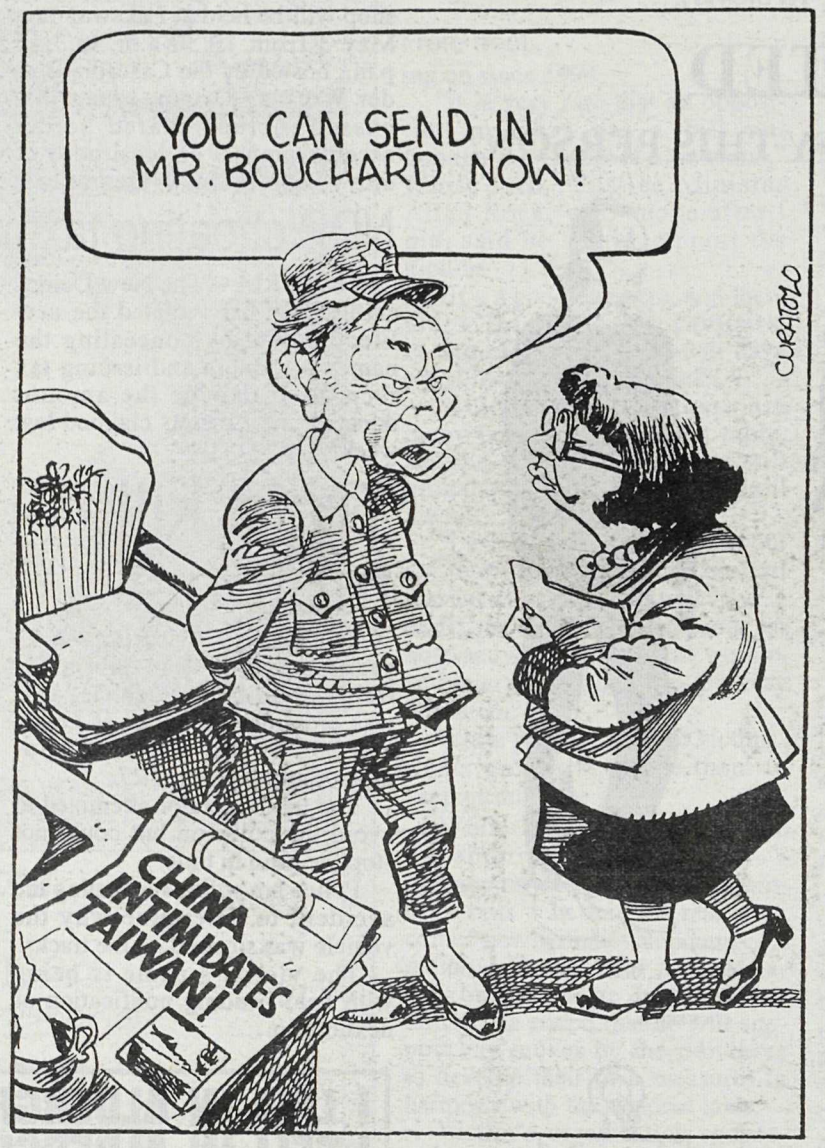

Blitz nets 30 booze charges

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Your news coverage of our liquor enforcement blitz was appreciated. The following is a summary of the project. Over the two weekends running April 13/14 and 19/20 we operated in enforcement teams. One member sat in plainclothes in an unmarked vehicle outside a licensed premises, and when a liquor infraction was noted, whether it was underaged youths buying liquor, consumption in a vehicle, liquor being supplied to minors or a potential impaired driver, the information was relayed to the take down teams. These teams were made up of bike squad and uniform members, who would pull the suspect vehicle over and deal with the infraction.

A total of 30 liquor related charges were laid. In addition every licenced premise was checked at least once during the weekend blitz. Numerous comments were made to the police officers by the public and employees of the licensed premises about "seeing the article" in the newspaper. One of the beer and wine stores in the community had a copy of the newspaper article pinned to the wall in the store with certain sentences highlighted. As you are already aware, one of the main purpose of the enforcement blitz, in working with the Langley Partners was to create an awareness of alcohol abuse by youths, and we felt this objective was met.

S/SGT. DARYL STONE
Community Policing

Eva needs home in our town

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I would be very grateful if you would consider a few words about our search for a nice host family for Eva from Sweden.

STS is an International Student Exchange Organization that gives overseas students the chance to experience Canada for a school year while attending the local high school nearest the host home. STS also offers the same opportunity to Canadian students - that is to live and study in one of our 14 different program countries.

Eva is very eager to visit Canada and to share her own way of life with people she meets during her stay in Canada. She loves horse-back-riding, dancing and to play the trumpet. We have accepted Eva into our program on the basis of her maturity, academic achievement, and ability to be flexible. Eva's big wish just now is that a host family will be found, who will treat her as a family member and show her the Canadian style of living.

Eva is part of the group of STS exchange students who will be arriving to Canada in the end of August. A German boy and a girl from New Zealand are also among the students who are still looking for host homes.

Families who would like to make this a special year and share their lives and homes with a young person from the other side of the world, please call Anna collect at 1-604-592-1834.

GUN JULIA LUBCZYNSKI
Program Director.

Thanks for the volunteer support

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I am pleased that Council members have responded in favor to the Kinsmen's request to reduce the rental rate of the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Centre. And one step further, in fairness to all, have extended that privilege to all non-profit volunteer groups in the Township who work hard to improve their community. This shows Council's support of these volunteers.

I would support that the group, who initiated the project, secured the hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant money, and provided labour to build it, could have rent waived at any time and an extra weekend in May, if needed to further their contributions to their community. I had to write in support of these folks, who work so hard to provide for the needs of their neighbours. They earn our respect.

GINA ILLSEY,
Fort Langley.

Labour law is out of touch with today's B.C. realities

By SUROMITRA SANATANI

Small and medium-sized businesses are often referred to as the "Backbone of the Economy". Yet it's surprising how often their concerns are ignored by our elected officials. For an example of this, you need to look no further than the BC government's labour policies of the last four years.

With the increase in people starting their own businesses in recent years, you would think that BC's labour laws would reflect the new realities of today's workplace. Today's customer-driven business environment is dynamic and competitive. Teamwork is increasingly the key to success. Small businesses and workers alike are seeking greater workplace flexibility. Workers are also seeking a more direct say in how their workplace is governed. Why then has the provincial government been moving in the opposite direction?

In 1993, a new BC Labour Relations Code was passed. That law took away the worker's right to a secret ballot vote on the issue of union certification. A fundamental pillar of democracy - one person, one vote - was abandoned by the government. It's ironic in these times, when workers are demanding more of a voice in the workplace, that the government has taken that voice away. Instead of giving all workers the right to express their views in private, unionization now takes place when just 55% of workers sign union membership cards. The secret ballot vote is the best indicator of the workers' wishes, because it gives 100% of the workers their fair say.

It's time to put a little democracy back in to BC's labour relations environment. The secret ballot should be returned to BC's workplace. That's exactly what the Coalition of BC Businesses is urging in our "Resolutions for Fair and Balanced Labour Laws." This package of resolutions has been endorsed by 30 organizations representing over 50,000 small and medium-sized businesses throughout BC. The resolutions have been sent to the leaders of BC's three main political parties, and we're hoping they will form an agenda for future legislative change.

In addition to a return to the secret ballot vote, the Coalition of BC Businesses is calling for streamlined regulations covering Employment Standards. The government's two-year review of the old law produced a new law that has buried small businesses in a mountain of government red-tape. New record-keeping provisions, for instance, will mean that small businesses will be spending more time serving the paperwork demands of the government and less time serving their customers.

Get involved and discover

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Did you ever notice that people never really pay attention to issues that they assume have nothing to do with themselves? We tend to support causes that have affected our own lives or the lives of those we know and care about. Take myself, for example, I never even knew what Crohn's disease was until my youngest son was diagnosed with it; now I doubt that there is much about the disease that I don't know!

Another example is the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation's Tinman Triathlon. This year marks the fifth anniversary of this wonderful community event and, although I have lived in Langley for the past four years, I never knew what it was until I became a volunteer for the foundation last spring. This event is the major community fundraising project for the foundation and raises funds to purchase much needed equipment for our community hospital. Last year's event raised more than $115,000 in donations, pledges, goods and services, and along with funds from the Hospital Auxiliaries and other foundation events enabled the Hospital to purchase a urology table for the Surgical Complex. This year the foundation hopes to raise enough in donations and pledges to purchase a video endoscope, also for the Surgical Complex. I have personally seen the wonders of a video endoscope when one was used on my son at Children's Hospital and I know that our community will benefit from such equipment.

Last year as a volunteer at the Triathlon I saw how much fun it was for the participants; this year I am the Captain of a team. This event is for our community and affects all of us. Find out what it is all about, get involved. Register a team. Volunteer. And, please, if you, or your company, is approached by myself or a member of a Tinman Team, give a donation or make a pledge to show support for your hospital.

VICTORIA RAW
Volunteer, Langley

The truth always comes out

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Prime Minister Jean Chretien and his Liberal Party have betrayed the Canadian people.

In the 1993 election they promised voters that they would "scrap" the much hated GST. Copps even vowed - repeatedly - to resign if the tax was not killed.

We now know the truth. Bluntly put, Copps and Chretien were lying when they made those pledges. They had no intention of scrapping the GST.

It was all a cynical ploy to win votes and nothing more.

If Prime Minister Chretien had any integrity he would admit to the Canadian people that he deliberately deceived them on this issue. If Sheila Copps had any integrity she would keep her word and resign.

Of course, integrity isn't much in demand in the Liberal caucus these days. Just ask John Nunziata.

DAVID SOMERVILLE
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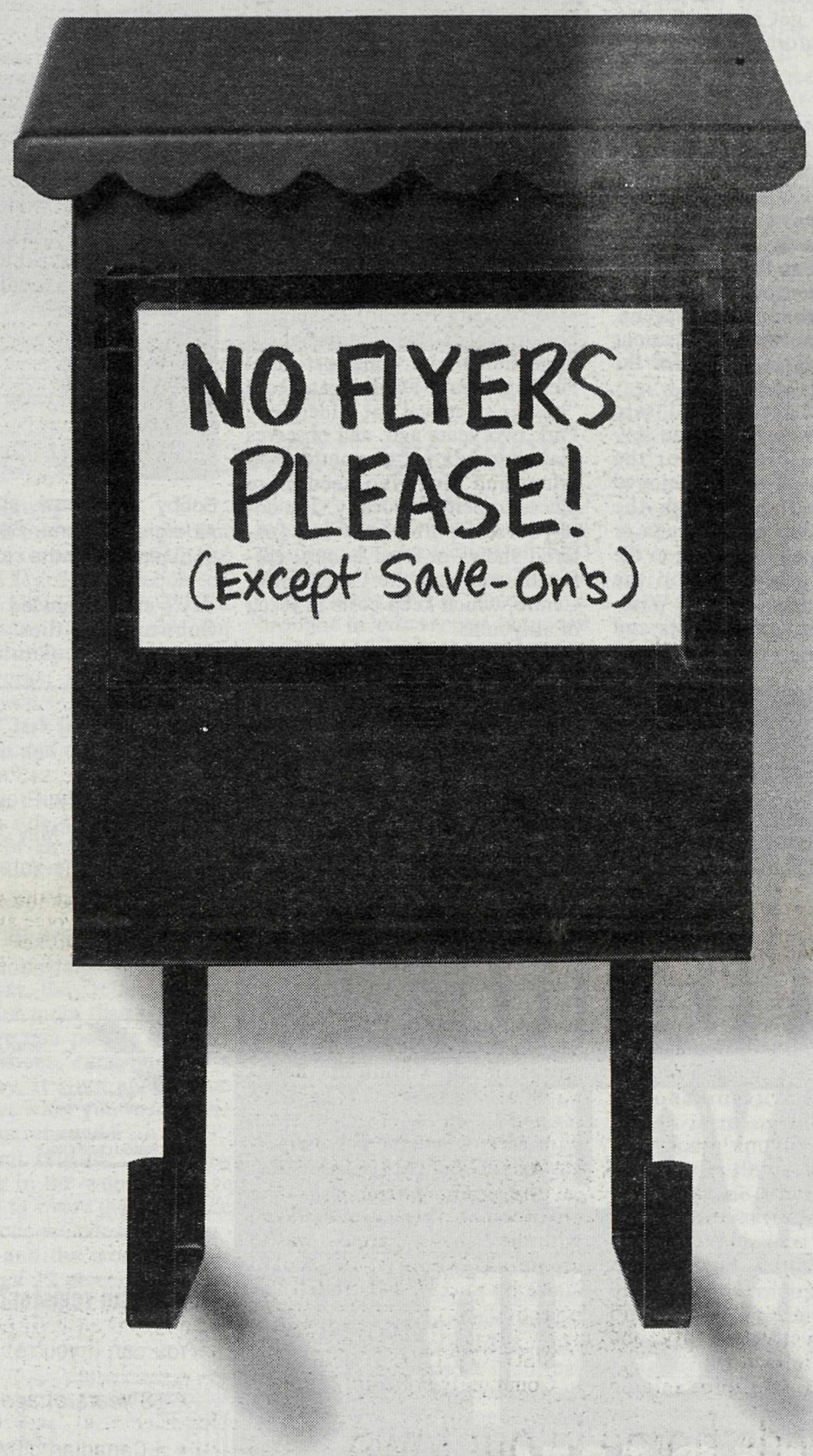

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On May 6 and 7 (the start of Emergency Preparedness week in B.C.) over 200 disaster planners and responders from California to British Columbia will gather at the 4th annual West Coast Conference on Neighbourhood programs. They'll be talking about how to start and manage programs in cities and towns, in schools, hotels and businesses.

Public interest in earthquakes has never been higher, and the West Coast Conference, in partnership with the Ministry of Employment and Investment, Science Awareness Program, is organizing a free public seminar on earthquakes between 6 and 7:30 pm on Monday, May 6 at the Delta Pacific Resort, Richmond, where the conference is being held.

The seminar will look at how earthquakes happen, what they can do and what we can do with programs to get ready and stay ready. For information call 682-6005.

Riding for sight

DUNCAN – Every June, motorcyclists from across B.C. raise money for eye research. This year's Ride for Sight in B.C. takes place June 22 and 23 at Providence Farm in Duncan. All funds raised go to the RP Research Foundation. For more information, call 384-1277 or drop by your local motorcycle shop.

Extravaganza on boards

ALDERGROVE - Some 150 youths showed up for the skateboarding extravaganza held Saturday evening at the Aldergrove Arena. The skateathon kicked off the club's season at the arena, which features two hour sessions every Thursday evening for the price of a mere loonie.

Organizer Dean Dahl said Young Life was working on several positive projects for the youths, many of whom enjoyed either rocketing through the obstacles set up in the arena or simply sitting and listening to the bands who performed on the floor. Performers included Wisecrack, Swallowed Objects and Pipebomb.

The skaters have been meeting weekly at the high school's parking lot, and are involved in plans to build a skateboard facility in the Community Park. They are also looking forward to staging performances this summer at the bandshell under construction at Heritage Park. Dahl organized a "busker's festival" at Aldergrove Park two years ago, and observes that there's a lot of youths with talent and fans who need more places to perform locally. The do-it-yourself philosophy has fostered shows in local homes, coffee houses and the Community Centre, which keep costs in reach of all youths.

Dahl said sponsors of Saturday's event included Young Life, Subway, Speedies' Skateboard Shop, Option, Gnu and Legacy Snowboards, Township Parks and Recreation and Street to Peak Bike Shop.

Bobby and crew above were among the youths entertained at Aldergrove Arena, Saturday, with bands such as Swallowed Objects (top) playing for the crowd. -Kurt Langmann photos

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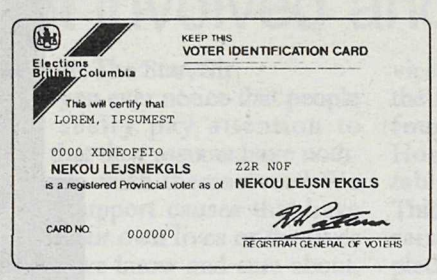

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NDP faithful gathered at the Elk's Hall, Saturday, to meet candidates (left) Kim Richter, Deb Charrois, MLA Sue Hammell and Charles Bradford. The election is set for March 28. - Kurt Langmann photo

New Democrats ride wave toward election

By KURT LANGMANN

ALDERGROVE - With a provincial election in the air and a renewed popularity under leader Glen Clark, local New Democrats were buoyant at their annual dinner meeting, Saturday at the Elk's Hall. Charles Bradford, their Fort Langley/Aldergrove candidate was described by women's equality minister Sue Hammell as "a fine candidate, committed to his community and the party... winning this seat would be a real jewel in the NDP's crown".

Neighbouring NDP candidates, Kim Richter (Langley) and Deb Charrois (Matsqui) were also on hand, helping auction off goods for Cradford's campaign. Bradford, Richter and Charrois all reside in the Aldergrove phone exchange, suggesting that there is a growing strength here for the party -- in the last election, Bradford handily beat the Social Credit for a strong second place.

Pointing at a photo of Clark, constituent Norm Flowerdew said, "He's the man, the only one, that will save our jobs. That's what this election is all about, working families being able to pay their mortgages."

Hammell told the audience that "the gloves are off" with the weekend's legislative debate on back to work legislation. "It's a dramatic turn, it's high risk, but there's exhilaration when your strategy works. The Liberals are not as buoyant -- I know that feeling. Glen Clark has demonstrated the strength and decisiveness that voters want."

Calling her government "active, on side with families" on the issues of environment, crime and the economy, she said Clark's eight weeks of "action" have meant freezes to doctors' incomes, tuition, ICBC, BC Hydro, and "a deal with the public sector wages, they're taking zero increases for more than one year. What more can people expect? With sacrifices, everyone has a role to play, it's not about what you get but what you lose if the NDP are not returned."

Hammell said the "valley by valley war in the woods" of five years ago is over, thanks to the Forest Practices Code and Renewal Policy and the work towards protection of 12 percent of B.C.'s landmass as parks. She extolled "family values" with the commitment to hire 100 additional police officers, and protection of jobs, health care and education. "We've built schools, ferries, roads... and brought in our second balanced budget, and highest credit rating and debt ratio. You know you're doing it right when you start to hear it coming back to you. We're in a good position to reduce taxes for average working families," she predicted in advance of Tuesday's budget announcement.

Bradford lives in Aldergrove, works at a paper mill, and is involved with organizations such as Langley Seniors Resource Society. Richet lives in Aldergrove, is a Kwantlen professor and is involved with the Community Health Board.

Charrois is a 28-year-old resident of Abbotsford and a CUPE support worker with Surrey School Board, who has strong family ties with the CCF-NDP movement, as well as Greenpeace and Crown Victim/Witness Services. She told The Star that she takes glee in recent overtures from the Liberals and Reformers to combine the parties: "It is very apparent that neither of these parties is terribly committed to what they claim they stand for. Their platforms are almost identical, and the NDP represents the only clear alternative. As Tommy Douglas used to claim, 'First we have to drive all the right wing parties together and then go out and beat them."

Debt steadily increasing

VICTORIA – "Taxpayer-supported debt continues to grow in this province despite claims by the government," stated Brian Kerr, president of the Chartered Accountants of British Columbia speaking in reaction to the April 30 provincial budget.

"While the government continues to voice admirable goals with regard to debt management, they're actually going backwards," said Kerr. "According to one definition in the budget document, government debt is dropping by $99-million, but real taxpayer-supported debt will rise this year by $774-million and has increased by approximately one billion dollars per year over the past five years. Even small variations in the assumptions they have made about interest rates and the economy that could push the increased debt even higher."

"We are disappointed to see that the corporate capital tax has not been eliminated. The tax discourages business investment in B.C. We're concerned that the government is forecasting a 13 percent increase in revenue from the capital tax," stated Kerr.

"On the subject of job creation, we're pleased to see the government recognises that jobs have to be created in the private sector. However, disclosure of how they intend to do this is not in the budget," stated Kerr. "The government is forecasting a 38 percent increase in the rate of job creation this year, without sharing their plans about how they're going to do that."

"We're encouraged to see some relief for small business," said Kerr, who also owns and operates his own small business. "The reduction in the income tax rate for small business is good news. The two-year tax holiday for new small business is encouraging even though the impact will be small."

"We're also pleased to see the government recognising the need to improve its accounting methods and that they are waiting to follow the lead of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants," said Kerr.

Market on the move

KELOWNA – Home buyers buoyed by lower interest rates and steadily improving economic performance are re-entering markets across Western Canada in record numbered. RE/MAX offices report increasing market activity with sales up 20% to 45% since the start of 1996.

First time buyers continue to drive demand for homes in moderate price ranges and move-up buyers are also more active.

Prices in many markets are forecast to remain relatively stable with marginal price increases triggered by higher sales and lower inventory. While many markets favour buyers over sellers the increasing demand for homes will lead to increased competition for competitively priced properties.

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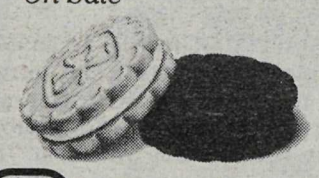

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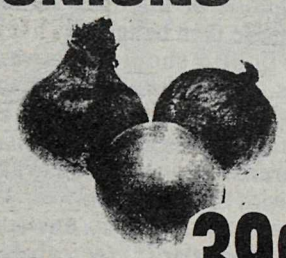

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O'Sullivan takes Reform challenge

ABBOTSFORD – Peter O'Sullivan, a retired businessman and local resident for twenty years, has agreed to run for the Reform B.C. candidate nomination for the Matsqui constituency. He was a founding member of the B.C. Reform Matsqui Constituency Association.

O'Sullivan was a representative, both domestically and internationally, for two of B.C.'s major consulting engineering firms, then started his own business. He has had a lengthy association with the political process and, "having seen how easily freedom has slipped away in other countries, (I'm) deeply concerned that we too are showing all the signs of losing our democratic rights." O'Sullivan says that "the old guard has to go, be it federal, provincial or municipal, they are the problem. The people that got us into the mess we are in at present are hardly the most likely candidates to get us out".

O'Sullivan has been a federal Reformer for many years, was president of the Fraser Valley West Constituency Association for the Reform Party of Canada (Randy White, M.P.) for 1995, vice president for 1994 and remains on their board of directors.

Coleman opens campaign

WALNUT GROVE – The Fort Langley/Aldergrove B.C. Liberals and candidate Rich Coleman are organized and ready for action. They opened their office at 7B-20349–88 Ave. on April 24 with a reception of volunteers and the campaign committee.

"The signs are ready, phones are in, advertising is laid out, along with everything else to run a campaign", said Coleman.

"We have an enthusiastic group of people ready to work hard to replace the 'tax ad spend government' we presently have. We are going to bring openness and fairness and listening to the constituency, and are available at any time".

Coleman is a local businessman and a long-time community volunteer and plans to run a clean campaign focusing on the issues. "I do not believe that politics of personalities or personal attacks belong in Fort Langley/Aldergrove. I respect any person willing to put their name forward for public office. The voters will decide 28 days after the election is called who they wish to represent them; that is the beauty of being in a democratic society."

The office phone number is 882-0180 and the fax number is 882-2647 and will be manned daily during the campaign. Coleman can also be reached at 856-9401 on a 24-hour voice mail during the campaign.

Twidale starts

LANGLEY – Reform B.C.'s Fort Langley/Aldergrove riding has opened its campaign office at 23369 Fraser Highway; phone 534-0334. The Fort Langley/Aldergrove Reform BC candidate is Dr. John Twidale.

Local artist Rosemary Waugh is busy preparing a set of historic murals of this area at the turn of the century, which will be used by Aldergrove Kin Clubs when they host this month's provincial Kin convention at Aldergrove Arena and the Aldergrove Kinmen Community Centre. The murals will line the walls of the arena, and the several hundred guests will have a good look at the old times while they celebrate for the weekend. Waugh's art has gained international attention for her unusual techniques, such as her ice paintings created inside store freezers.

Beware of crank

SURREY - Police are warning of a man using the phone for sexual exploitation of young women.

The man purports to be a family doctor, and requests the victim answering the phone perform 'diagnostic self-tests' to determine if she is suffering from a fatal illness.

He indicates that he has already diagnosed a senior member of the family with the disease, and he is concerned the female may also be infected.

He instructs the victim to perform a series of intrusive, sexual self-tests as he listens on the phone.

At the conclusion of the tests, he tells the victim she is not inflicted with the disease and there may have been an error in the diagnosis of the other family member. He then hangs up.

The public should be aware that this type of 'testing' over the phone would not be sanctioned by a legitimate medical professional, and parents should discuss the matter with their children.

Anyone contacted by this suspect,who has 'star (*) 69' capability on their phone, should hang up, record the caller's telephone number and call police or CrimeStoppers at 669-TIPS (8477).

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Five Corners designated as heritage

MURRAYVILLE - The township is proceeding with heritage designation of the Five Corners, as well as several buildings there such as the old Sharon United Church. A proposal to re-align roads there, including the historic Old Yale Road, to improve traffic flow and allow future plans of the church, had been opposed because of the historic importance of the area.

Langley Heritage Society spokesman, Michael Kluckner said affected organizations had been meeting for a year on the issue. Kluckner said he wanted to "create a sense of arrival" at the "bleak looking corner" with zoning bylaws that would "encourage pedestrian" use of the community. "We need to designate it as a heritage conservation area under the municipal act, and develop it under design guidelines."

Sharon Church spokesman, Dougal Shewan offered the board's "thanks for (township) support and guidance" but expressed concern that the church's future not be handicapped by the designation. While they had no desire to tear down the old frame church, they have been "exploring a new facility since 1989" with the aim of creating "a viable building site." These goals, along with creation of a new heritage park, would have been met with the road re-alignment proposal, but now they're not certain of that.

"The financial burden of heritage designation -- the operations and maintenance, and erosion of capital value -- are not our mandate," said Shewan. "If we don't maintain the value of our property, it could be a terrible legacy to burden our future congregation with."

While coun. Steve Ferguson suggested that Shewan, as "a realtor is not in support" of the designation, in fairness to Shewan there is precedence for concern. The owner of Vancouver's Century House supported its heritage designation two decades ago but since has discovered that the city's planning department is caught between heritage conservation laws and modern building codes, and has refused permits for certain modifications or uses. After a prolonged process, a permit was issued to allow expensive earthquake-proofing of the granite building, but construction of a rear emergency exit has been consistently disallowed. This forced the eviction of an antiquarian bookstore, although a permit was allowed for present tenants, a swank restaurant. The earthquake-proofing has made escape impossible through the windows, and patrons must enter and leave through the only main front door, while kitchen staff in the basement have only a rear door in and out.

Bikers on parade

ALDERGROVE – The Christian Bikers of B.C. are coming to Aldergrove Alliance Church, 26245–28 Ave. on Sunday, May 5 at 11 am. They will be arriving on their "hogs" at 10:45 am, and presenting an uplifting service of music, testimonies, and preaching.

God is using Christian bikers to reach men and women from all walks of life. Their testimonies will excite you as to how God can transform lives. Everyone is invited to attend. Come and find some answers for your life. For more information, call 856-3447.

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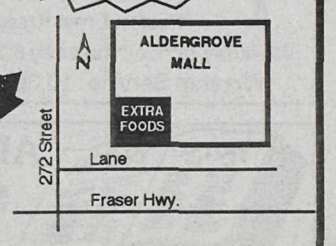

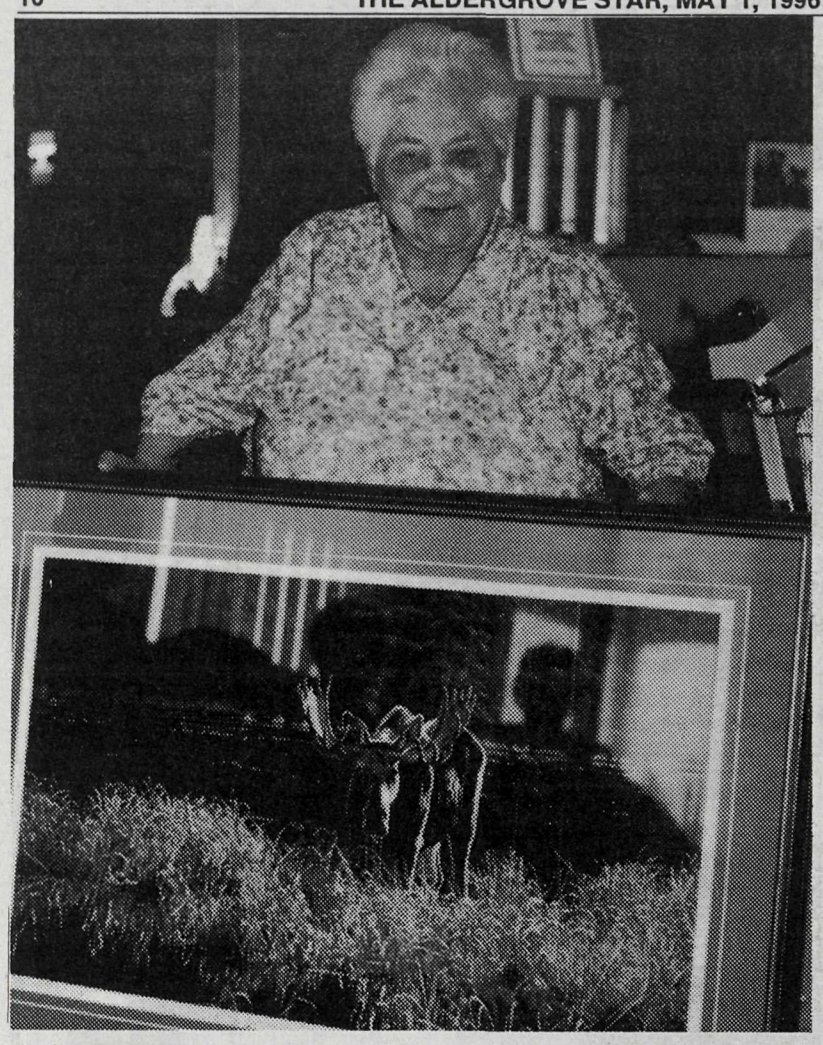

Jackman Manor resident Mary Olafson was winner of the raffle for a signed Ron Parker print of a moose last week, while nurse Wendy Hansen won the swan print. The Manor is raising funds for its new Alzheimer Unit, which is nearing completion. -Kurt Langmann photo

Prison drug program has MP scratching his head

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

ABBOTSFORD - MP (Fraser Valley West) Randy White was more than a little surprised to find out that a Bleach Kit Pilot Project, operating at Matsqui Institution since June 1995, does not conflict with the CSC Drug Strategy, and that the program has been approved nation-wide.

The Drug Strategy focuses on reducing drug use in institutions and encouraging inmates to seek help for their dependencies.

A news release from Corrections Service Canada, dated April 15, states that the decision to go ahead with the project was ratified by EXCOM in April 1995, and national implementation of the program will begin soon.

The Bleach Kit Initiative is intended to decrease the negative consequences of drug use by limiting the spread of HIV. As of March 1, 1996 there were 147 reported cases of HIV/Aids in Canadian Institutions. Five years ago there were only 37.

Under the program, each inmate will receive, in a clear plastic bag, a one ounce plastic bottle of household bleach, an empty plastic bottle for used rinse water, and instructions on how to properly clean needles and syringes used for injecting, tattooing and body piercing.

White, who called the program a sham, said he is surprised that officials are 'just allowing it' across the country.

"How do they know if it's successful?" he asked. "There is nothing to justify it.

"A majority of inmates have committed crimes because of their addictions to drugs and alcohol, and now corrections officials are giving them bleach. It's absurd."

White also said in previous statements that drugs are not legal outside the prison system, and therefore should not be tolerated inside the prison system, where some inmates are serving time for narcotics offences.

May promises Hospice month events

LANGLEY – A proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor, His Excellency Garde Gardom has declared May as Hospice Month in British Columbia. Both Langley Township and the City of Langley have also declared May as Hospice Month in our communities.

Activities planned for Langley include the first annual Langley Hospice Foundation Golf Tournament on May 3 at Newlands, a display at the CHEC Health Fair at Willowbrook Mall on May 4, and a Celebration of Remembrance honouring those who have died, on May 16 at 7 pm at the Hospital. All are welcome.

For more information or to find out about Hospice programs, call 530-1115.

Spring festival offers family activities

LANGLEY – Christian School will be hosting a Spring Festival, Saturday, May 11 at its new Middle/High School campus at 22702–48 Avenue. Festivities will get underway at noon.

There'll be fun for the whole family. Kids can enjoy hayrides, a dunktank, facepainting, games and prizes all afternoon. There'll be lots of treats including cotton candy, slush cones, and many other concession items. Barbecued lunch and dinner will be served all day.

Come out and shop for crafts and homebaking, and plan to pick up your garden plants at the annual plant sale to be held at this time. Be sure not to miss the all-day silent auction and the regular auction beginning at 4:30 pm. Many new items will be auctioned off including power hand tools, professionally framed prints, children's riding toys, furniture, books, toys and more. Everyone is invited.

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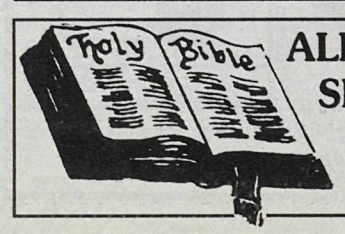

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Reservists show off

VANCOUVER - HMCS Discovery, Vancouver's Naval Reserve Division is inviting the public to see what goes on behind the gates of their training base in Stanley Park. This Open House, May 4, is an opportunity for the public to see the value of Vancouver naval reservists.

Ship's divers, naval communicators, diesel mechanics, radar plotters and other naval specialists will be showing, through displays and presentations, what they do in the Naval Reserve and HMCS Discovery's active involvement.

HMCS Discovery is located on Deadman's Island in Stanley Park (across from the Brockton Oval). Guided tours will leave the front gate every 15 minutes from 10 am to 4 pm.

Emperor of China visits museum

ABBOTSFORD – This week, the MSA Museum's film night will feature The First Emperor of China on Thursday, May 2. Show time is at 7 pm, and the film will run for about one hour.

The film will be followed by refreshments and up to date information on plans for the new Mill Lake Cultural Centre.

It was one man who founded the great nation of China - Qin Shihuang, the First Emperor. From the grandiose inner sanctum of the royal palace, to fierce battles with feudal kings, to incredible footage of Qin's life-sized terra-cotta army constructed almost 2,000 years ago for his tomb, this remarkable historical drama re-creates the glory and terror of the Qin dynasty.

Shown free with museum admission: $2. for adults, $1 for students and seniors at 2313 Ware Street. Next in the MSA Museum's film nights will be May 16 where Great Northern Forest will be seen. For more information, call 853-0313.

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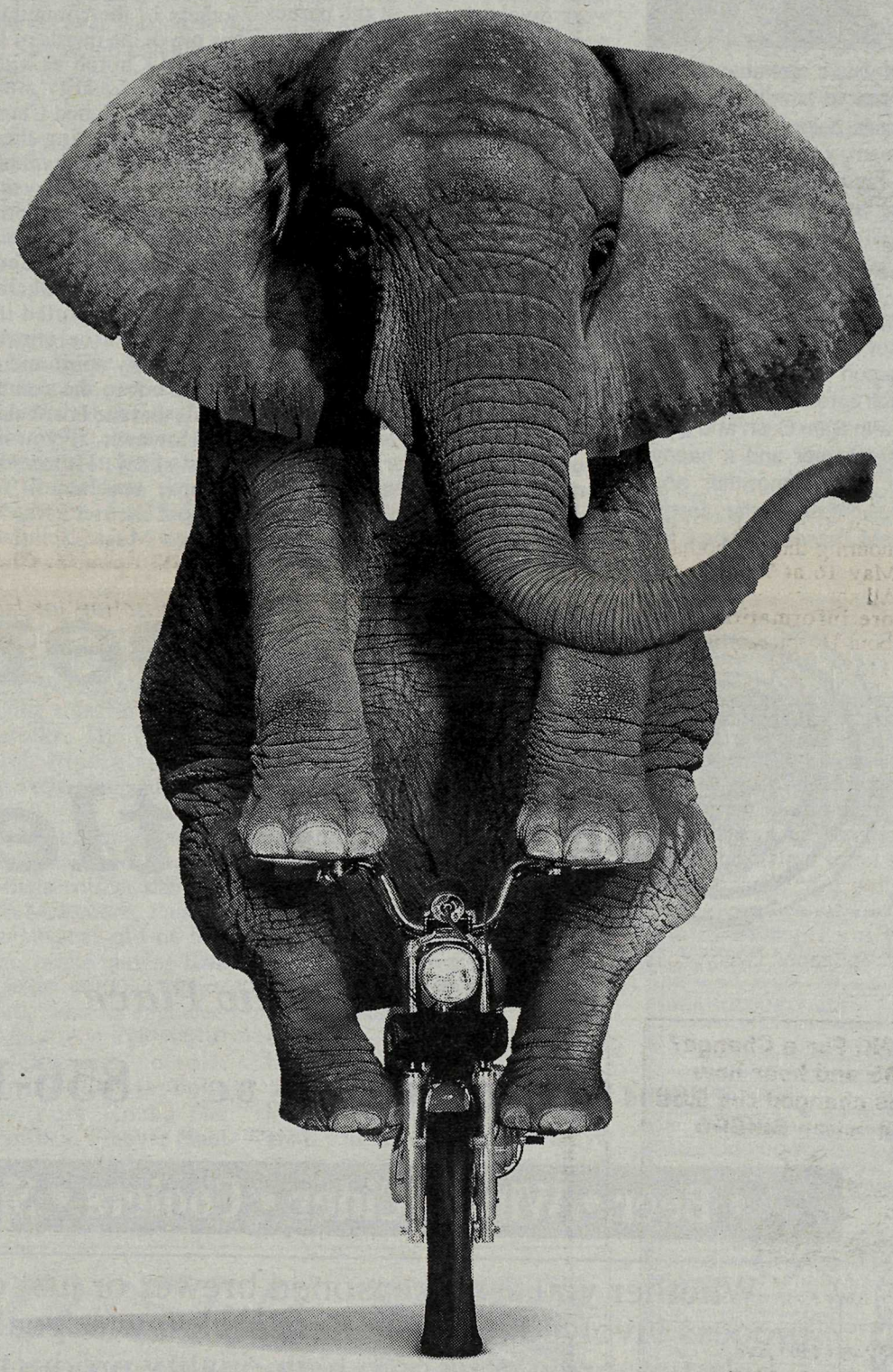

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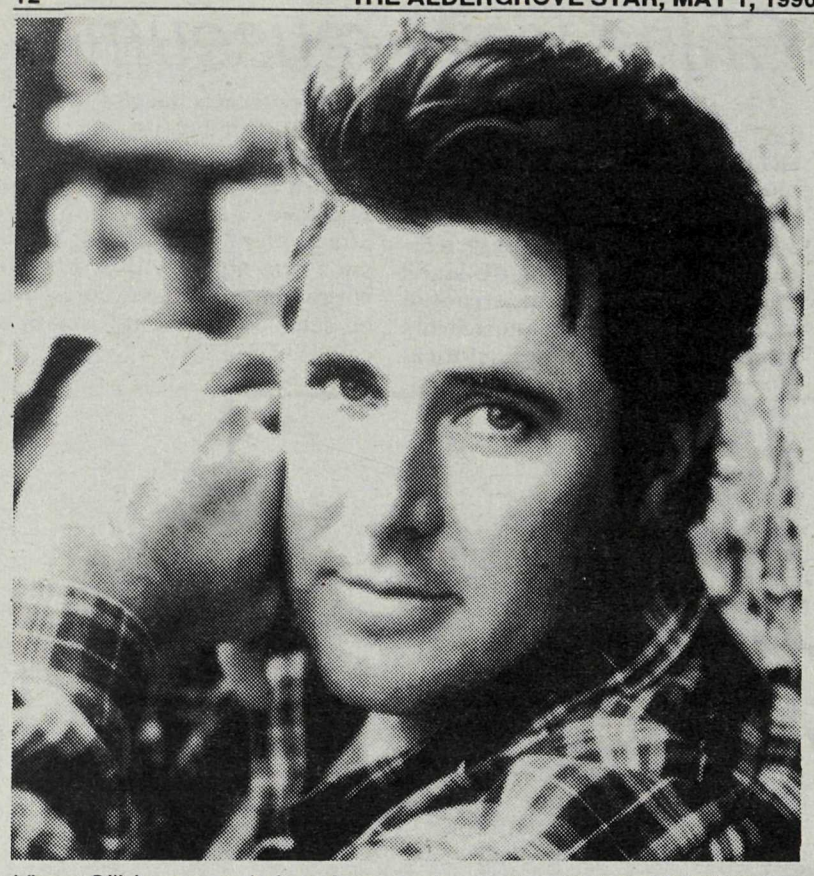

Vince Gill is a superlative singer and guitarist who's rocketed to the top in Nashville, and is special guest this summer at Merritt Mountain Music Festival. Star writer Kurt Langmann recalls being awed by Gill about four years ago at the Commodore Ballroom, where he not only had the full house screaming with delight at his mix of ballads and uptempo hits, he also came out on the floor afterward and shook hands and signed autographs for everyone. Gill's romantic, brotherly and spiritual side makes him one of the most well-rounded characters in a business renowned for its ruthlessness

Of his current superstar status, Gill said, "Everything has changed, except my perception of what I'm doing and how I feel about it... in my mind, I've felt successful all these years." The son of a banjo-picking federal judge in Oklahoma, Gill pursued a pro golf career before he was enticed to join a progressive bluegrass group (with Sam Bush and Dan Crary) that sent him on the road to his current career and a happy marriage with singer Janis Gill. In demand as a songwriter and collaborator, Gill has performed alongside just about every star, and in benefit of many popular causes. He's the best reason to head for Merritt this July.

Tickets almost 'sold out'

ALDERGROVE - Tickets for Opera in the Country are almost all gone and there's no possibility of a repeat performance, so the public should make their plans now and pick up the free tickets as soon as possible. This gala event for Aldergrove Festival Days features soprano Tamara Lynn Hummel and the Music Department of Aldergrove Community Secondary School, June 8, 7:30 p.m. at Aldergrove United Church.

Organizer Kurt Langmann said he thanks everyone who has contributed to this event, and stresses that the reserved tickets program is necessary to enable proper preparation by all the volunteers involved, and is not meant to exclude anybody. There is a lot of work involved, and all the parties want to be sure that the audience has a memorable evening of song and community.

The program will feature three songs each from the school's Concert and Jazz Choirs, two melodies from the Jazz Band, and four arias by Hummel. This will be followed by a social reception in the church, with coffees and desserts served by the United Church Women and Aldergrove Secondary Music Society. Since the performances, staging and program books are provided free of charge to the public, Langmann is asking that everyone bring a generous donation for the goodies served at the reception.

The United Church board has agreed to provide their fine facility free of charge, and the Music Society needs to raise money for next year's trips to competitions, and Langmann said all donations raised will be shared by those two organizations to acknowledge their help in the concert and reception, as ushers, tickettakers, servers, stagehands, and so on. Everyone is invited to stay and meet the performers and their neighbours, and raffle prizes will be drawn from the numbered tickets, so be sure to hang onto them.

Langmann will now begin assembling the program book, which will provide a keepsake for the audience, as well as response cards that will be collected to determine whether people would like to see future productions in Aldergrove. The goal is to encourage other productions by others in the community, as well as prove the merits of the 550-seat United Church as a comfortable venue for quality music productions. The United Church board is also investigating the possibility of building a community hall for concerts or social events, and they are very interested in seeing the public response to the Opera in the Country concert. Church spokesman, Marshall Cronkhite said they supported it because it was both a celebration of the community spirit and an effort to reach out to the community, two goals that the board cherished.

However, if you miss out on this show, Hummel will also appear at a benefit for Langley School District's Rae Featherstonhaugh Music Scholarship, May 14, 7:30 p.m. at Christian Life Assembly, 21277 - 56 Avenue. Various ensembles from the Phoenix Chamber Choir, Vancouver Symphony and Opera, CBC Vancouver Orchestra will perform, and the $10 to $20 tickets are available at local schools, including Aldergrove Secondary.

Family storytime at library

LANGLEY – The Langley, Aldergrove, Brookswood, Fort Langley, and Walnut Grove branches of the Fraser Valley Regional Library offer a special Family Storytime as follows:

- Langley Branch (20355 Douglas Crescent, 534-3284) Friday, May 3, at 10:15 am.
- Aldergrove Branch (26770 –29 Avenue, 856-6415) Saturday, May 11, at 11 am.
- Brookswood Branch (20045 –40 Avenue, 534-7055) Thursday, May 9, at 9:30 am.
- Fort Langley Branch (9167 Glover Road, 888-0722) Wednesday, May 15, at 1:45 pm.
- Walnut Grove Branch (8889 Walnut Grove Drive, 882-0410) Saturday, May 25, at 11 am.

Drop in for a half hour of stories, puppets, finger plays, and lots of fun for toddlers, preschoolers and their families. No registration is required, and all programs that take place at branches of the Fraser Valley Regional Library are free.

TWU leaps for joy with new CD

LANGLEY – Trinity Western University's new Chapel CD Leap for Joy is a success, having pre-sold approximately one thousand copies before its release in April.

The idea that the university record and produce its own CD developed as students looked for a way to preserve memories of worship in Chapel. However, producing the Chapel recording was no easy undertaking for a group of this size. More than 800 students, staff and faculty gathered in the gym to sing with the worship leaders - thirteen students selected from the various chapel music teams.

The songs featured on the CD, three of which were written by TWU alumnus Jay Kehler, who was killed in a motorcycle accident shortly after his graduation in the summer of 1993, were chosen for their popularity among the students.

Leap for Joy is both a memory for TWU and a means of mimstry to others. CDs are available from the university bookstore on campus at $12.99 or by mail order. Call 882-9071.

What I did last summer

SURREY – Little Theatre proudly presents What I Did Last Summer, opening Thursday, May 9. Shows are Thursday, Friday and Saturday till June 1, with curtain 8 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for seniors/students. For reservations call 574-7449 or 756-8320. Surrey Little Theatre is at 7027–184 Street.

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A scene from the Cameron Mackintosh production of Miss Saigon, a musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, with music by Claude-Michel Schonberg and lyrics by Alain Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr. Miss Saigon is directed by Nicholas Hytner with musical staging by Bob Avian.

Powerful story, songs to move local audiences

VANCOUVER - The excitement is building for the hottest ticket of the year. Six years after smashing box office records on London and Broadway stages, Miss Saigon is finally touching down in this city for an eight-week run at Queen Elizabeth Theatre, starting May 11.

Touted as the "greatest musical success at the theatre since My Fair Lady, Miss Saigon overtook that classic two Decembers ago at London's Theatre Royal, and broke records at its Broadway, Tokyo and Toronto runs. It is the newest musical by the creators of Les Miserables, Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, and resonates with the powerful music and lyricism inspired by another similar story, Puccini's Madame Butterfly.

Miss Saigon is the story of love and self-sacrifice between a young Vietnamese girl and an American soldier at the time of Saigon's fall in 1975. In a society torn apart by war and its aftermath, the American dream becomes a symbol of salvation, and two people, the victims of fate.

Under direction of Nicholas Hytner, "The Engineer" is played by Joseph Anthony Foronda, an original cast member of the first national tour. Foronda's credits include starring roles in Shogun, The Fantasticks, The Mikado, Jacques Brel, Pippin and The Most Happy Fella alongside John Raitt.

Kim, the Vietnamese girl, is played by Cristina Paras, and her lover, American soldier Chris is played by Pat McRoberts. Paras, a Californian 18-year-old of Filipino heritage, began playing Kim a year ago after winning major singing awards, and an engineering scholarship to university at age 16. McRoberts' credits include starring roles in Yoko Ono's New York Rock, The Buddy Holly Story, Forever Plaid and The Fantasticks.

Other performers include Charles E. Wallace (John), Charles Azulay (Thuy) and Diana Kavilis (Ellen). Producer is Cameron Mackintosh, whose vision brought Cats and Les Miserables the kind of stage success that has set a new standard in live theatre. His world-wide stage empire now employs some 8,000 people, and he's beginning to move into movies as partner with the likes of Steven Spielberg and Bruce Beresford.

As Time magazine wrote in 1991, "Like most successful entrepreneurs, Mackintosh has to a considerable degree invented his business... He believed that the right shows, with sufficiently universal themes, could transcend national boundaries of taste and habit, and that joint ventures with well-established local partners could reduce the chance for a costly mistake in entering a market."

Certainly, there's spectacle, such as the oft-publicized helicopter, but at its heart beats lush melodies and a heart-rending tale of love that'll crack the hardest heart. This is more old-fashioned, in the Oscar and Hammerstein sense, than the raucous fare offered by Webber, and is not to be missed.

Tickets range from $38 to $89 at Ticketmaster, and showtimes are 8 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday evenings.

Holland days

LYNDEN – An evening with Frank Mills will light up the stage at 7:30 pm, May 3 at Lynden Middle School Auditorium, 516 Main Street.

Mills, a.k.a. "Mr. Music Box Dancer," is known internationally as a pianist and entertainer, and winner of several prestigious musical awards, including a Grammy nomination in 1980. He will perform works from his many platinum and gold albums, including "Love Me, Love Me, Love" and "Music Box Dancer." Mills will be augmented at the concert by a 100-voice choir.

Tickets for the event are $12.50 for main floor seating and $10 for balcony seating. Tickets are available at Lynden Chamber of Commerce (360) 354-5995, Lynden Book Shop (360) 354-2471 and Stremler Boekhandel (360) 354-1001, all in Lynden.

The concert will be the highlight of Lynden's 12th annual Holland Days festival, which is slated for May 3 and 4. Also slated is a fun run, traditional Dutch street scrubbing, Klompen dancing and a parade, among many other activities.

Singles to meet

ALDERGROVE – The Matsqui/Aldergrove Singles will now hold their general meeting and coffee night the second Monday of every month at Granny's Homestead Restaurant, 27125 Fraser Hwy., Aldergrove.

On May 3, and first Friday of every month at 6:30 pm is Singles dinner at Granny's. The next night, May 4 is Singles Chinese dinner out at Temple Restaurant. Phone 856-0622 for reservations or information.

Rising new stars come here to play

ABBOTSFORD – The Mission Folk Music Festival will present a special festival preview concert featuring Nova Scotia's latest music sensation, Laura Smith, with the reigning king of heavy wood, guitarist Don Ross. Scheduled for Thursday, May 9, this concert will put the audience in the mood for the upcoming summer festival season.

Nova Scotia's Laura Smith was the big winner at this year's East Coast Music Awards.
The impact of this singer/songwriter on audiences is tangible - her listeners seem stunned first into silence, and then into heartfelt applause. Her latest recording - Between the Earth and My Soul - has triggered an avalanche of radio play across Canada and has reached the top ten.

The "King of Heavy Wood", guitarist Don Ross, has established himself as one of the world's premiers acoustic guitarists. In 1988, he became the first Canadian to win first place at the U.S. National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship. He has played Europe's prestigious Montreaux Jazz Festival and has toured much of the world. Don's playing has garnered the praise of the best of the world's fingerstyle guitarists, from Leo Kottke to John Fahey and Michael Hedges. Stylistically, his music straddles the boundaries. A Micmac Indian, Don's knack for avoiding categorization is important to him: "I don't consciously try to make music that sounds overtly "jazzy" or "rocky" or "Native". I just want to play music that "shmecks". This concert is a must for guitarists, students of the instrument, and all lovers of music that "shmecks". Ross will also be featured in a guitarists' seminar at Langley's Act One Music during the week.

Concert time is 8 pm at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium, 32315 South Fraserway, Abbotsford. Tickets are $15 at the door, $12 advance at Pharmasave in Abbotsford and Mission.

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Getting the upper hand on weeds

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Yes, weeds certainly take their toll on gardens. Many of the over 1,000 weed species that call Canada home have a knack for thriving in the most depressed growing conditions, quickly turning a dream garden into an unsightly mess.

You can pull them by hand or level them with a grass-trimmer. You can take a propane torch to them or pour hot water on them, but rest assured, taking these measures only delays the inevitable... the resurrection of weeds. Before raising the white flag in defeat, however, consider the advice of one of Canada's leading weed biologists.

Jack Alex, Professor Emeritus at the University of Guelph, believes homeowners can effectively minimize weed problems with a control regimen consisting of advance preparation, common sense and the appropriate use of herbicides.

To reduce weed problems throughout the growing season, Alex recommends mulch or groundcover planting around trees, shrubs and large perennials. Before seeding or transplanting, preparing a healthy seed bed with a mixture of compost, manure or fertilizer is also important. "By providing cultivated plants with a more favorable environment, weeds have less opportunity to flourish in the garden," says Alex.

The control of weeds became an issue with the development of land for agriculture. The industrial revolution and birth of modern medicine completely changed the way people looked at wild plants. Certain wild plants and herbs, once revered for their medicinal and herbal qualities, are now considered invasive and useless.

Some recommended methods of weed control which are effective and, often overlooked, include:

- Hand pulling - tedious and only recommended for minor weed problems.
- Hoeing - will kill most annual plants if the tops are completely cut off from their roots, but frequent hoeing is necessary to exhaust the underground food reserves of persistent perennial weeds.
- Mulching - not only conserves moisture and keeps the ground cool, but is also an excellent way to inhibit weed growth by preventing germination and shading out those weeds that do germinate.
- Groundcover planting - once established, dense groundcover will suppress weed growth.

Alex observes that "quick fix" solutions will only provide homeowners with temporary relief. For example, mowing or cutting the weed will remove the flowering parts, but the roots will continue to grow beneath the soil to eventually send up a new crop of shoots. This only serves to spread more seeds around, leading to new weed growth.

Used correctly, herbicides will reduce the number of weeds that compete with garden plants and will minimize the time and effort spent controlling them. Some products will fertilize the lawn as well as selectively kill weeds. Others kill top growth without affecting the root system. And some sterilize the soil, preventing any type of growth from occurring.

New biodegradable herbicides are now available that kill unwanted weeds and grass without harming the soil. WipeOut, introduced this year, is a non-selective, soil-friendly herbicide which utilizes a breakthrough technology to kill weeds fast without affecting the integrity of the soil.

Professor Alex notes this is the key benefit of biodegradable herbicides to gardeners. "Unlike many products, which effectively kill the soil by sterilizing it, the active ingredients are quickly broken down into natural elements, making replant possible in only a few days," says Alex.

The active ingredient, glufosinate, is based on a naturally occurring compound found in soil micro-organisms. The herbicide creates a build-up of ammonia in the leaves and stem of the plant by blocking the production of a necessary photosynthetic enzyme, ultimately resulting in the death of the plant. Thus, the need for "hand-pulling" weeds in patios and driveways, and hard-to-reach areas around flower beds, trees and fences is eliminated because WipeOut only affects those plants it is directly applied to.

"By combining sound gardening practices such as soil conditioning and groundcover planting with common sense and appropriate herbicide use, weed problems will become more manageable throughout the growing season," says Alex.

Springtime in the valley

YARROW – When it's springtime in the valley, the place to be is on the Apple Farm. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy the 8,000 fruit trees in bloom,

The fun all begins at 1 pm on Sunday, April 28 and May 5. Admission is $1 for children and $2 for adults. For further information, call Farmer Gail at 823-4311.

Tips for building wooden furniture

(NU)—If you thought modern materials were the answer for all outdoor furniture, you may be disappointed.

The use of plastic in furniture is not to everyone's taste. Aluminum is a more substantial alternative, but, like steel, aluminum costs substantially more than the old standby, wood.

Wood has the advantage of being economical in cost and is a perfect material for "do-it-yourself" projects. However, whether buying wooden furniture already made or building it from a pattern, the question of durability remains.

That is why woodworking experts stress using treated wood for outdoor furniture, gazebos, decks, playground equipment and fences. Generally, treated wood is a must whenever an item is to be in contact with the ground—meaning moisture or termites—or weather.

Building a picnic table, patio furniture or even a gazebo with a grill inside can be surprisingly easy if one takes advantage of the free plans and designs regularly available at many lumber yards. One can also find them in Sunday newspaper sections or special sections, or in do-it-yourself publications.

Generally, for outdoor uses such as furniture, play equipment or decks, the wood should be "pressure-treated." Be sure to follow U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommendations on the use of treated wood:

- Only treated wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used for patios, decks and walkways.
- When power-sawing and machining, wear goggles to protect eyes from flying particles, and launder clothing separately before reuse.
- After working with wood, and before eating, drinking and use of tobacco products, wash exposed areas thoroughly.
- Dispose of treated wood by ordinary trash collection or burial. Don't burn it in open fires, stoves, fireplaces or residential boilers.

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Sensible solutions for insect & disease control in the vegetable garden

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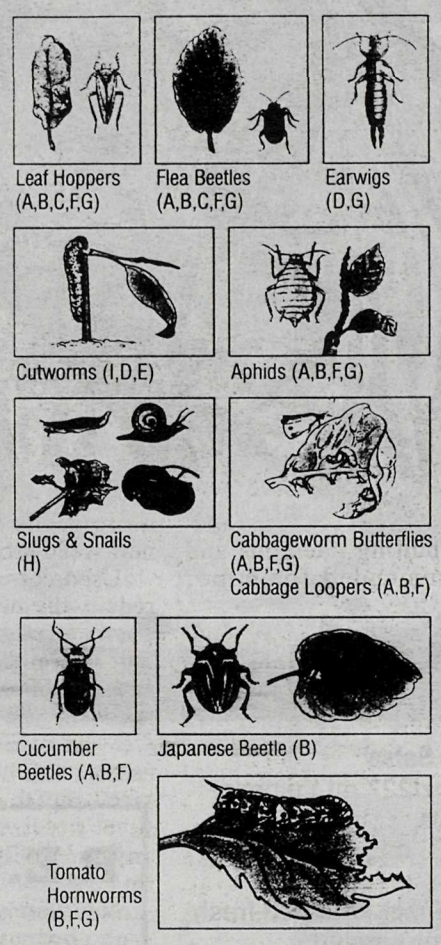
- carefully inspect new plants for signs of infection. Immediately remove diseased leaves and discard plants with diseased stem or roots.
- for best results, vegetables need good drainage, plenty of sunlight and an adequate supply of water.
- rotate crops every year to prevent build-up of insect and disease organisms. Cabbage, cauliflower and other leafy vegetables are especially prone.
- mulch the garden with compost, grass clippings or other similar organic materials to conserve moisture and prevent weed growth.
- control insect pests with recommended products such as Green Earth Organic Insecticidal Soap and fertilize regularly. A healthy plant is more resistant to drought and disease.
- use products that eliminate weed growth without harming the soil. WipeOut kills weeds in as little as four days and then quickly breaks down into naturally occurring compounds.
- after harvesting crops, compost the remaining parts of the plant. If diseased, remove from the garden immediately to prevent infection next year.
- cultivate soil for vegetables in fall when the ground is warm and dry. This promotes the breakdown of the soil and organic matter over the winter. Apply compost and an all-purpose garden fertilizer containing phostrogen.



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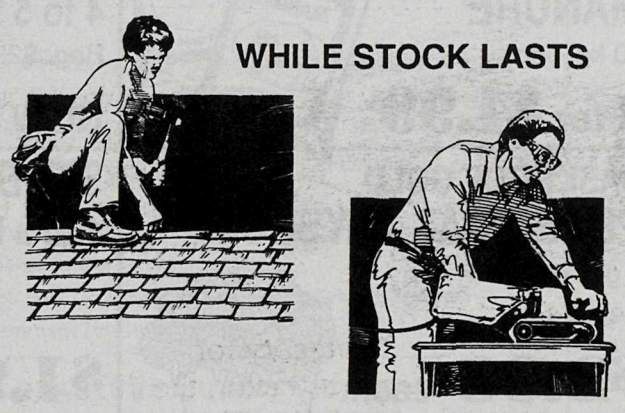

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Beef beats out all competitors as the number one favourite food to grill. In a recent national survey by Actionable Market Research, three-quarters of the 600 consumers surveyed said that they most often barbecued meat as compared to chicken or fish. And 9 times out of 10, that meat is beef. These findings are supported by a study conducted for a major barbecue manufacturer. In this study, barbecued steak was the most popular choice (40%), followed by hamburgers (24%).

According to Actionable Market Research, 81% of Canadians use a barbecue to cook foods. In the warm months, half of the respondents barbecue 3 or more times a week. This translates into a lot of steak and burgers, which is why the Beef Information Centre annually distributes barbecue information and recipes at retail meat cases across the country.

Based on other survey findings, perhaps future barbecue information should contain tips on how to avoid frostbitten fingers. A surprising 30% reported that they barbecue year round. That figure has been as high as 40% in other surveys. And of those who brave winter's blast, almost half (46%) melt the snow off their barbies at least once a week.

Why do people go to such great lengths to cook their beef? Because there is nothing to match the taste of beef. Consumer research conducted annually by the Beef Information Centre shows that almost two-thirds of respondents agree with this statement. A similar percentage agreed with the premise that 'When you have a taste for beef, nothing else will do'.

Whether you are beating the heat or banishing winter blahs, attached are two great recipes guaranteed to fire up your barbecue and your taste buds.

Fiesta Steak

Team the steak with an easy-to-make Pineapple Salsa and serve with grilled tomatoes and jalapeno peppers. Or make Steak Fajitas by wrapping tortillas around thinly sliced steak and top with guacamole and sour cream.

Steak

2 lb (1 kg) sirloin, strip loin or rib steak, cut ¾ to 1 inch thick (2 cm to 2.5 cm)
Fresh garlic

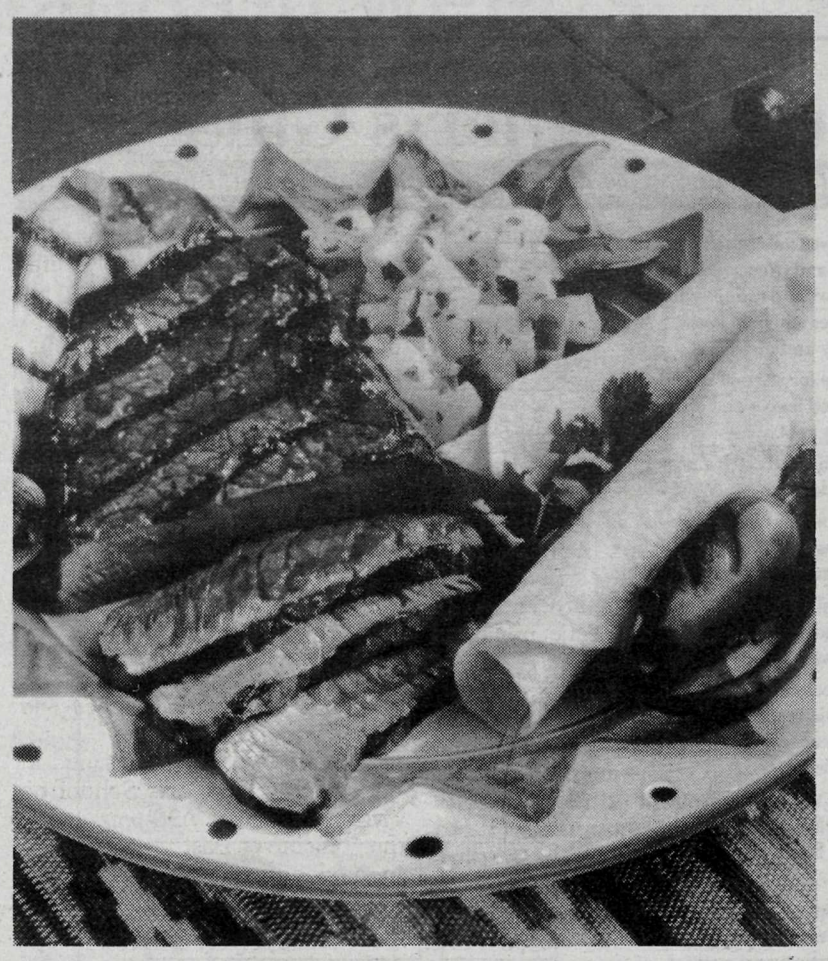
Marinade

2/3 cup (150 mL) bottled steak sauce*
½ cup (125 mL) reserved pineapple juice *(see salsa recipe)*
1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh lime juice
1 tsp (5 mL) chopped fresh lime peel
½ tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
½ tsp (2 mL) ground cumin
¼ tsp (1 mL) cayenne pepper

Rub steak with cut garlic and place in non-metal dish. Combine marinade ingredients and pour over steak. Marinate in refrigerator 20-30 minutes, or longer for stronger flavour. Grill steak over medium-hot coals for 5 to 7 minutes per side for medium doneness. Baste often with marinade. Heat any remaining marinade to the boil and simmer 5 mintues. Serve steak with hot marinade and Pineapple Salsa.

* If available, Tex Mex flavoured steak sauce adds extra zip to this recipe.

Makes 6 servings.



Pineapple Salsa

1 can (8 oz/227 mL) pineapple tidbits
½ cup (125 mL) chopped red onion
2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh lime juice
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh red chili peppers
(or ½ tsp/2 mL cayenne pepper)

Drain pineapple, reserving juice for steak marinade. In a small bowl, combine all ingredients, cover and chill for about an hour before serving.

Makes about 1-1/2 cups (375 mL).

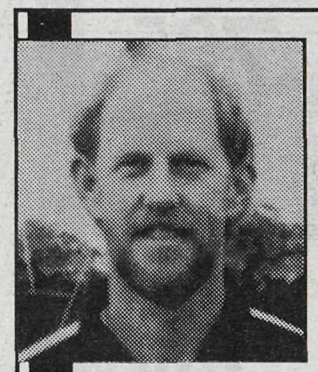
Fire Steak

The intensity of the "fire" depends on whether you use hot or mild salsa. Serve with cornbread, steamed sweet red pepper rings and asparagus spears.

1 lb (500 g) sirloin, strip loin or rib-eye steak (¾-1 inch/2-2.5 cm thick)
½ cup (125 mL) salsa sauce
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 tsp (5 mL) cumin or oregano
1 tsp (5 mL) black pepper
4 tsp (20 mL) salsa, optional
4 tsp (20 mL) light sour cream, optional

Cut steak into 4 equal portions. Make a "pocket" in each portion by slitting one end open with a knife (be careful not to cut through the other sides). Combine salsa, onion and garlic and spoon into pockets; skewer shut. Season steak pockets with cumin and black pepper; barbecue for 5-8 minutes per side, until desired doneness is reached. Each portion may be garnished with extra salsa and light sour cream.

Makes 4 servings.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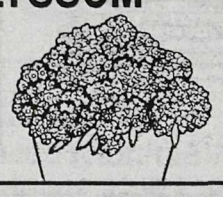

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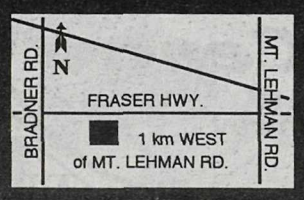

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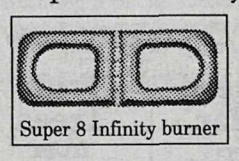
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The true story of 'Brutalis'

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

LANGLEY - Fine Arts School students have been chosen to represent the Langley/Surrey Zone at the B.C. Festival of the Arts in Penticton May 22 to 27.

The collaborative effort of many hard working, creative and talented students and teachers resulted in the creation of the original work, called Brutalis, which they will be performing at the festival.

The play is an original creation in movement, poetry and song that recreates the true story of a psychotic 2 1/2 ton captive rhinoceros, Brutalis (Greg Brown), his only animal companion Winston the basset hound (Samantha Fletcher), and the other 'inmates' of the Knowsley Animal Reserve in Lancashire, Great Britain.

Brutalis was imprinted with basset hound and human characteristics, never really learning that he was a rhinoceros. He had difficulty weaning from the bottle, learning how to graze, and interacting with other rhinoceroses.

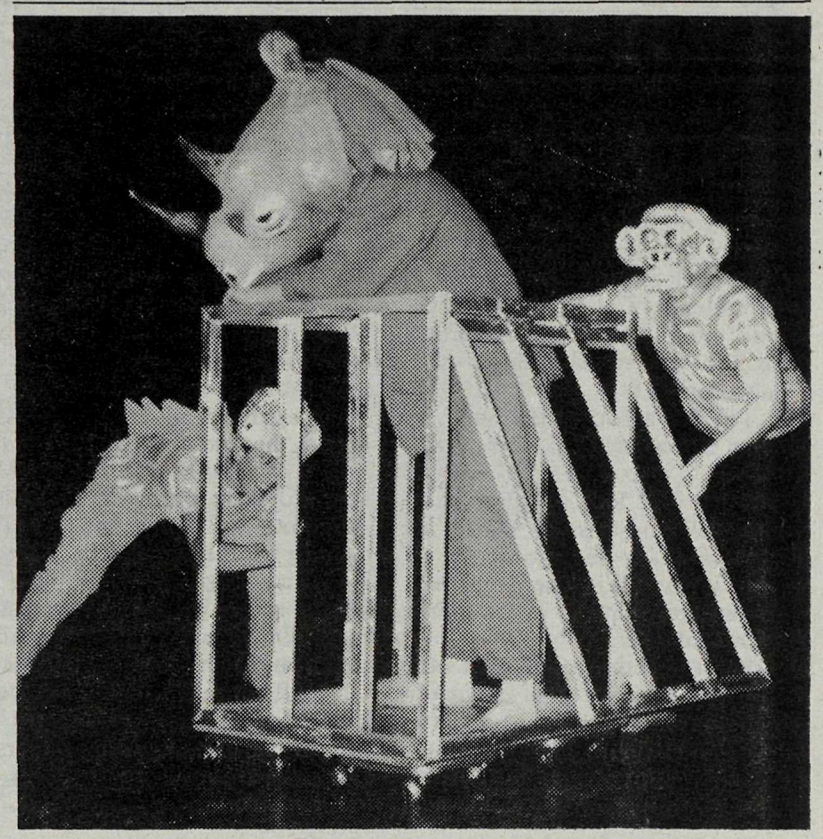
Once he was able to feed by himself, he lost contact with Winston and the zoo keeper and became increasingly violent, destroyed pens, and caused thousand of dollars of damage to three different zoos, which led to the decision to destroy him.

A final hour rescue from the Ongava Game Reserve in Namibia, and $35,000 brought him to his final home, where he freely roams the reserve. Brutalis is still isolated from other rhinoceroses, which have attacked him, and lives close to the hotel and staff quarters.

Brutalis (script and lyrics) was written by drama teacher and director Neil Bryson. Songs were composed by music teacher Magdy Ghobrial. Stagecraft/art teacher Peter Sarganis, Rachel Brett, and other art students created the 40 animal masks, and drama teacher Sarah Fowlis choreographed dance pieces and helped with production.

Brutalis will be performed at the Langley Fine Arts School on Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. and at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre on Saturday, May 11 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the LFAS show are available through the school by calling 888-3113. Tickets for the Vancouver East Cultural Centre show can be purchased and reserved by calling their box office at 254-9578.



Langley Fine Arts School students will be performing their original play, Brutalis, at the Festival of the Arts in Penticton May 22 to 27.
Here during a rehearsal, Brutalis, a psychotic 2 1/2 ton rhinoceros, is caged to be transferred to another zoo.
Imprinted with basset hound and human characteristics, he had become increasingly violent and destroyed pens at three different zoos before being transferred to the Ongava reserve in Namibia.

WOMEN & WEALTH

By JULIE EDWARDS

I have money from a Term Deposit at my bank coming due next month. What are some good alternatives to these TD's, without sacrificing any safety?

In the past, Term Deposits have been a favourite for people in the Fraser Valley who want to put their money into safe products. Unfortunately, the low growth yielded by these instruments often do not even match the inflation rate, and now other safe alternatives are growing in popularity. These alternatives include Federal, Provincial or Municipal Government Guaranteed Bonds.

Government Guaranteed Bonds offer all the safety one would expect, plus several benefits over Term Deposits. For instance, these bonds are saleable at any time (just in case you need the money) and do not require that your money be "locked-in" for long periods. Also, these bonds typically offer a higher rate of return. This allows you a better opportunity to outpace the effects of inflation.

Another opportunity with Government Bonds are to invest in these as "Stripped" Bonds. These bonds are basically the interest-bearing portion of a Government (or other) Bond, and offer even better returns without sacrificing safety.

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An excellent question, since many investors in Abbotsford may think that getting involved in Corporate Bonds is risky and complicated. But this is simply not true! Corporate Bonds are actually an excellent product and have earned a very large place in the Canadian Fixed Income market. Indeed many retired investors have Corporate Bonds due to the safety, higher returns relative to some other bonds, and because they enjoy being involved with some of Canada's best companies.

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Since your original investment is now growing tax-free in your RRIF, it is more important than ever to ensure your investment portfolio contains the appropriate mix of growth and safety products. This is the time when retirees in Abbotsford should seek information about what investment products will secure a long and happy retirement.

Julie Edwards is a Financial Advisor with Midland Walwyn Capital Inc. in Abbotsford. You can call her at 857-1535 if you have any questions.

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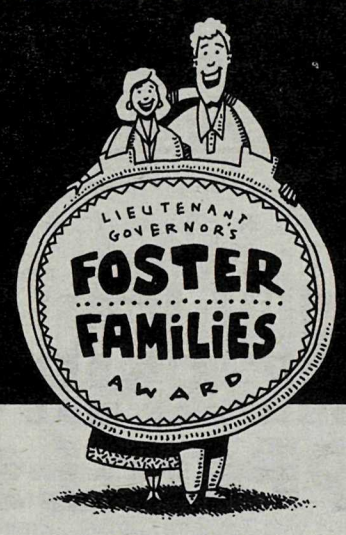

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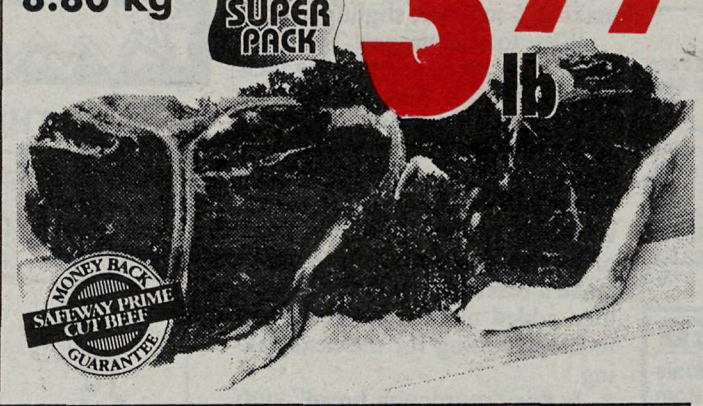

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