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School audit to avoid 'repeat'

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

LANGLEY - The chair of Langley's new school board, Cos Van Wermeskerken, would like to clear up any misconceptions that might have arisen from last Monday's first public meeting.

There was confusion about the audit committee, and the motion to have 'the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer advertise immediately for independent professional management consultants to draft the terms of reference for an independent inquiry into these issues:' The circumstances surrounding the hiring and firing of the former Superintendent, Susan Everett; The erroneous financial information reported to the previous board and included in official financial statements and; The organizational structure and system of governance that enabled the irregularities to go unreported for an extended period of time.

Van Wermeskerken said the emphasis is on organizational structure, systems of governance, and the creation of a system that will not allow events such as these to happen again.

"Without written procedures, things very often get left in the air," he said. "We have to set exact parameters, and make sure the processes in place work."

He also said that the results of the investigations will be used to find information that may be missing, therefore the need for an outside investigator.

"We have a package of material regarding the incidents, but there may be some information that is missing. That is what we are trying to find out, we are not trying to repeat what was done by the previous board.

"We (Langley Leadership Team school board candidates) made a promise to voters to look into these issues, and we're not going back our promises."

Van Wermeskerken said that everything that happened at Mon-

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Santa says he's got lots of love and gifts for all the good boys and girls this year. All the snow we've received is a bonus. -Kurt Langmann photo

Neighbourhood Services plans to grow in new year

ALDERGROVE - Neighbourhood Services Society's open house was hit by a snow blizzard last Thursday, and are now on Christmas holidays, but the work gets back into full swing on Jan. 6.

Society offices are in the second floor of the building at 26970 Fraser Highway, but their Family Drop-In Centre has been operating for the past couple years at 27119 Fraser Highway. This centre, which serves families with children age six and under, will also be moving this April to the Aldergrove Elks Hall. A new agreement allows ANSS to rent the top floor main hall and kitchen on weekdays, which means more space for drop-in activities, as well as a fenced yard space for outdoor activities.

ANSS offers a variety of programs in partnership with Langley Family Services, Aldergrove Community Secondary School, Social Services ministry, and the Boundary Health Unit. It also provides alcohol and drug programs, and legal assistance.

In addition to providing community meeting space at the ANSS offices, the society has two passenger vans available for rentals when they're not being used for their programs. For information and referrals, call Darlene Knight at the office, 9 to 5 Mondays to Fridays, 857-4662.

"PERFECTLY NORMAL HUMAN"

Political vet keeps her independence

By KURT LANGMANN

LANGLEY - "If you've got any character, it'll come out when you're a substitute teacher," cracked Muriel Arnason. "It gave me lots of strength to go for alderman."

The veteran councillor has seen a lot in her 70 years on this planet, and her 16 consecutive years on Township council. She's used to the slings and arrows of criticism, and can handle herself eloquently and powerfully in any debate, but she says the low blows that sometimes get thrown at her can sting.

However, her wisdom as an elder, coupled with her Buddhist faith and eternal optimism, keeps her spirit strong. While many other highly-touted politicians have fallen by the wayside, Muriel keeps going just like that famous drum-beating bunnie that sells batteries on TV commercials. She topped the polls in last month's Township elections, and was rewarded with the honour of deputy mayor by a unanimous vote of council.

She accomplished all this on her own merit and with her own resources. Chief among these resources is always her husband of nearly 50 years, John -- or as she calls him, "Father." The duo also have an awesome archives of her time on council in their closets, which they often draw on, and Muriel bristles at any suggestion that she is in the pocket of, or has any debt to, the Langley Leadership Team and mayor John Scholtens.

"There's two things on which I agree with John (Scholtens)," she told this writer during the recent election campaign. "They are big issues (the cultural centre project which has since been cancelled, and the Growth and Planning Commission's recommendations for new urban development areas), but there are 48 other issues in my election brochure that I have taken a stand on."

On Friday afternoon, The Star visited Muriel at her suburban home near Walnut Grove, to talk about some of these issues, as well as recent press that has portrayed her as less than individualistic. Out of respect for Muriel's dogged refusal to go along with the agenda of the previous council, Scholtens and the LLT had told voters to "save a vote for Muriel Arnason" but Muriel told The Star that this support was unsolicited and unnecessary.

Coun. Muriel Arnason says the hysterical speculation about local politics is reminiscent of the Salem witchburnings. "It has to stop."

"I never asked them to," she said, in her belief that candidates are judged on their own merits and achievements. "I won all by myself, and paid for everything by myself." She said a "looseknit coalition" of other incumbents and candidates were defeated because they'd become isolated from the public. "Nobody listened to them, and the election was the public's chance to tell municipal hall about it.

"If I have one gift, it's that I'm a perfectly normal human being. I'm genuinely interested in them as one, not as a mass. I think like they do, not like a bureaucrat. It's just plain common sense, because so many people feel removed from the source of power. I've never lied, cheated or hurt anybody, and nobody can bribe or scare me. It's a relationship."

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School board to change structure and discussions

From front...

day's meeting has everything to do with education in Langley.

"The board has to discuss issues, and get committees and communications systems running smoothly, by making policies clear so staff can carry out their work in an efficient manner," he said.

"The committees are very important because they shape the terms of reference for board debate and facilitate formal discussions between board members and stakeholders."

He added that communications with stakeholders, including staff members who will be working on the committees, are supposed to happen before public meetings, which is the reason staff are no longer seated at the main table.

"We are seven trustees, elected by the people, to discuss and debate issues that are brought forward to us," he said. "Communication should happen before the meeting so we can have an informed debate about the issue."

Three new committees will be set up this year to increase communications between stakeholders (district staff, teachers, union members, students, parents, etc.). and the board.

The Finance and Facilities Committee, Education Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee, if approved on January 20, will each consist of a chair and two other trustees, to be appointed by Van Wermeskerken.

The next step for the board will be a strategic planning retreat to discuss future options and evaluate the direction of the board. Van Wermeskerken hopes the retreat will help get things in the district 'up to speed', and is confident the board will have a good working relation with the administration over the next three years.

Laundromat user robbed at knifepoint

ABBOTSFORD - Police are looking for a man who robbed a laundromat patron at knife point at 11:30 p.m, Wednesday, December 18.

A lone male entered the Meadow Fair Coin Laundry on South Fraser Way with a large knife, confronted the victim and demanded money. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash, he fled the scene on a bicycle. The victim was not injured.

The suspect is described as white and 6'1" with a slim build. He has brown shoulder length hair, a moustache and a small cut or scar on the right side of his face. He was wearing dark jeans, a grey sweat jacket and carried a black cotton bag.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to call Abbotsford Police at 859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 855-TIPS(8477).

White after sex offender

ABBOTSFORD - Fraser Valley West Reform MP Randy White is so outraged that police and corrections officials are not warning the public about a dangerous pedophile about to be let loose in Courtenay, that he is publicizing the event himself.

Harold Banks, convicted in 1988 of rape, buggery and attempted beastiality against women and children, will be free on statutory release two days after Christmas, having served two-thirds of a 13 year jail term.

The 61 year-old Banks, who was never declared a dangerous offender despite admitting to over 1,000 sexual incidents involving women and children, was out on day parole in 1994, but it was revoked when the news became public and his victims complained. He remains in prison until December 27.

White said it is important for the public to know of Banks' release so potential victims have the information to protect themselves.

"The parole board knows he is dangerous and that his chance of re-offending is excellent, but their hands are tied because he has served two-thirds of his sentence." White said. "If officials won't advise the public of his release because of 'privacy regulations', then I will.

"If Banks wants to sue me, let him. Then we'll really disclose his disgusting habits to the public, because I have had enough rhetoric about privacy. I am more concerned for the women, children and other defenceless people in this country.

"This is not the kind of Christmas present the Government of Canada should be giving the taxpayers of Courtenay."

Green zone priorities 'for tomorrow' aired

BURNABY – Strategies to support farming, protect environmentally sensitive areas and create a regional greenway network will be developed in consultation with the public at a Greater Vancouver Regional District sponsored conference March 7 and 8. The public conference - "Green Zone Priorities for Tomorrow" - will be held at the Sheraton Inn Guildford, in Surrey.

Morning and afternoon workshops, on Saturday, will give participants an opportunity to help make plans for the Green Zone for the 21st century.

Protecting the Green Zone is an important part of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, a long range growth management strategy for the region. The plan was approved by the GVRD board and all member municipalities, and recognized as a growth strategy by the Province of BC in 1996.

On Friday evening there will be a pre-conference workshop on the progress made since 1991, when the Green Zone was created, which will be of particular interest to those unfamiliar with Green Zone initiatives. Topics include the Lower Mainland Nature Legacy Program, the Farm Practices Protection Act and the Stream Stewardship Program, and municipal effort such as Langley's Rural Plan. There will also be an opportunity to preview displays by various groups.

"Green Zone Priorities for Tomorrow" is a follow-up to conferences and workshops held in 1991 and 1992. There is no conference fee, but advance registration is required. For more information, call the GVRD at 432-6391.

Silent Night

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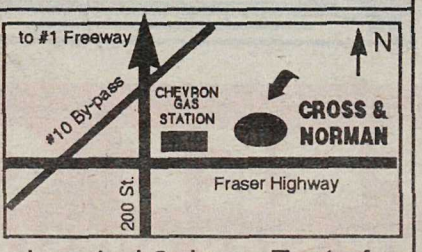

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Aldergrove Secondary's volunteer peer counsellors organized a massive collection and fundraiser that involved practically every student in preparing and delivering food hampers through the Christmas Bureau. "They really got into it this year," said teacher Maryanne Crossen. -Kurt Langmann photo

MANNING CHARGES

Chretien lied about jobs and GST

OTTAWA - Prime Minister Jean Chretien was under fire on all sides last week after telling jobless people their plight is the luck of the draw, and then denying that he promised to abolish the GST.

The House of Commons turned into bedlam as insults flew over an old CBC television recording of Chretien during the 1993 election campaign, when he specifically promised to "abolish" the GST if he became prime minister.

"I believe he lied on both issues, with respect to the jobs promise and with respect to the GST," Manning told reporters outside the Commons.

Inside the House, Liberal Speaker Gilbert Parent would not allow Manning to quote directly from the television program that sparked the uproar because the statements in the program were "unparliamentary."

It all started when CBC-TV recorded its annual townhall meeting with the prime minister at a University of Ottawa lecture room.

In two hours of taping in English and French, Chretien fielded questions from over 50 Canadians the CBC flew in from across the country. (The costly production, featuring news anchor Peter Mansbridge as host, took place the day before CBC sent layoff notices to over 900 employees to cut costs.)

Chretien tried to deflect accusations his government has failed to deliver on its 1993 promise of job creation. He argued 672,000 jobs have been created by the private sector in the last three years, in part because of the government's low interest rate policy.

Chretien told one woman unemployed people might have to move to a different city to find work. In another response, the prime minister suggested the odds of finding a job are sometimes a matter of chance.

'Some are lucky, some are unlucky, that's life, I think that you have to keep trying," he said.

When a woman said she voted Liberal in 1993 because the party promised to scrap the GST, Chretien insisted the Liberals promised to replace the tax with a new system and advised the woman she should have read the party's Red Book of election campaign promises.

But, immediately following the townhall forum, the CBC aired a tape of Chretien telling a Toronto radio hotline, "We will abolish it (the GST)."

Telephone scam

ABBOTSFORD - Police are publicizing a telephone scam involving an elderly man, recently defrauded of $12,000 by a telemarketing company, in an effort to highlight the unfortunate reality of phone scams.

The holiday season can be a difficult time for people in financial need, and these are the people usually victimized by promises of financial gain.

The 84 year-old victim, who is senile and suffers from memory loss, has been a target of the same company on several occasions over the last few months. Canadian Regional distributors (aka: S.J.K. Sales) in Montreal promised the man that if he sent a certain amount of money, he would receive a cheque for his initial investment plus the accumulated profit. The profit never materialized and the victim has suffered financial loss.

The bank (where the man has his account) caught on to the scam on September 25. Since that time they have refused to certify $15,000 worth of cheques the man had written to Canadian Distributors.

Abbotsford Police, along with several other agencies are investigating the incident. The man has been referred to Victim Services with plans to implement peer counselling, involving home visits with someone of a similar age, to constantly remind the man of the telemarketing scheme.

People are again reminded not to send money in the mail or give out personal or financial information over the phone. Anyone with concerns about the legitimacy of a company should contact the Better Business Bureau for information.

VICTORIA - The BC government will examine whether the Saskatchewan government has violated an interprovincial trade pact by luring Intercontinental Packers and 300 Vancouver-based jobs to Saskatchewan

"This type of transfer of jobs between provinces benefits no one. It does not create one new job," said Employment and Investment Minister Dan Miller. "We will be investigating the situation immediately."

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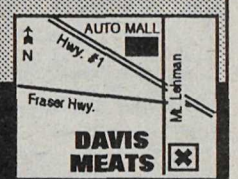

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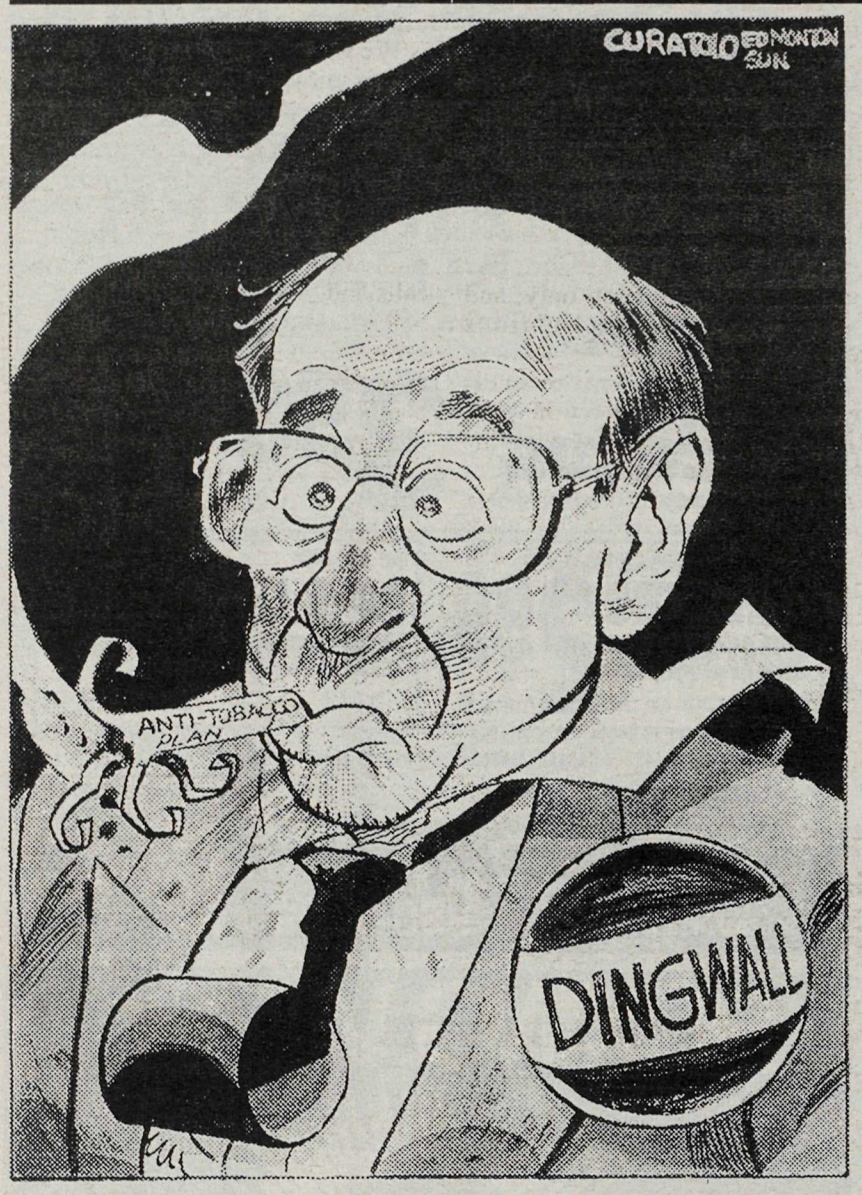

Dingwall fizzles out with smoke initiative

There were a few puffs of smoke, but no signs of any real fire as the federal government finally unveiled its tobacco control plan.

Health minister David Dingwall had been making some pretty tough statements about the proposed legislation, leading many to believe that the government was finally going to get serious about limiting the promotion of an addictive practice that, over time, is guaranteed to cause disease and/or death in its users.

But his public resolve seems to have weakened before finalizing the proposed law. Mr. Dingwall as much as admitted that to be true when he introduced his package to the media, saying, "I would have loved to have banned the product, but the hard-core reality (is that)... seven million Canadians are addicted."

So, in an effort to appease the addicted, Dingwall's plan focuses more on setting limits for advertisers than providing any kind of incentive for current users to quit.

Under the new rules, tobacco ads that are broadcast, located on billboards, street kiosks and bus panels would be history. So would countertop displays in stores and cigarette vending machines. Print advertising would only be permitted in magazines and newspapers that are primarily read by adults.

Tobacco sponsorship of cultural and sporting events, once feared to be a primary target of the bill, will continue. However, the size of company names and logos will be restricted to the bottom 10 percent of the advertising display and the size of ads at events would also be restricted.

The proposed law may seem tough to some, but the government backed off earlier promises to ban all forms of tobacco advertising, eliminate the sponsorship of sporting and cultural events by tobacco companies and impose generic or plain packaging of cigarettes.

Recent surveys also suggest that the government had considerable public support for its efforts to strengthen tobacco laws. A recent poll, done for the federal health department, showed that 60 percent of Canadians support a ban on cigarette advertising. (An earlier survey had put that figure at 70 percent).

In addition, 86 percent of those surveyed, including 80 percent of smokers, endorsed the concept of government control over the levels of nicotine and other chemicals in cigarettes.

It seems clear that both smoking and non-smoking Canadians are concerned about the impact of tobacco on our culture. They should be: Smoking kills about 40,000 Canadians every year and adds approximately $3.5-billion to health care costs each year.

Particularly frightening is that 90 percent of all new smokers are under the age of 18 and the number of teens who smoke has increased 30 percent since 1991.

Clearly, our concern must be for them. If there is a bright light to be found in Dingwall's plan, it is in its efforts to reduce the impact of advertising on teens and to require young buyers to show photo identification when purchasing cigarettes.

The proposed plan won't do much to dampen the enthusiasm of "more mature" smokers... They have made their choices about whether they should smoke and what brand they should smoke.

But imposing generic packaging and a total ban on advertising would have gone a long way in reducing the appeal to teens and helping them avoid an addictive and deadly habit.

The government could have done more.

Those big, bad banks

By TROY LANIGAN

Big, bad and bloated? Canada's six largest banks have reported a record $6.3-billion in profits this year. The Royal Bank's $1.43-billion profit represents the single largest profit ever recorded by a Canadian company. Predictably, politicians and interest groups have expressed "outrage" and clamoured against "excessive profits".

But if there is a problem in Canada's banking industry, it's not so-called "excessive profits". The problem is lack of competition.

First and foremost, profit numbers taken in isolation are meaningless. Whether a $10-million profit or a $10-billion profit, the number must be compared to something for it to make sense. Profits are huge because the banks are huge. The Royal Bank, for example, has assets totalling $218-billion and operates on annual revenues of $7.9-billion. Then there is return on equity. If a local coffee shop makes a $40,000 profit, it's unlikely angry people would gather at its doors in protest. Yet, that coffee shop undoubtedly made a better return on equity than any major bank in the country. Banks have averaged a 6% annual return on equity on domestic operations over the past five years; that's less than several other industries including tobacco, telecommunications, printing and publishing, and food retailing to name a few. Granted, the trend is upward, but "excessive"?

Second, stop and ask where these profits go. Bank profits find their way into expansion and reinvestment, thereby creating more jobs and economic activity. Profits find their way into pension funds and RRSPs in the form of dividends. And finally, profits find their way into government coffers. In 1995, the Royal Bank paid as much in taxes to the three levels of government as they made in profits.

So why all the hubbub?

Simple. Just enter a bank.

Ever feel shafted because the bank charges you $2.50 for a money order, even though your mortgage interest over the next 20 years tops $200,000? Then there's the credit card statement that arrived last week charging interest at four times the prime lending rate. Or how about the small business owner, who wants to expand his business but can't get a line of credit?

Consumers see bank profits, but they don't see the kind of responsiveness and choice in the banking sector that they encounter when they buy a car or eat at a restaurant. Competition determines prices: whether for credit card rates, small business loans, service charges, mini vans or hamburgers. The problem is that the federal government has established barriers to competition, especially competition from foreign banks. The Globe and Mail recently reported that two U.S. companies - one providing credit cards and the other providing unsecured lines of credit to small businesses - were refused entry.

Canada is the only advanced economy in the world that does not allow international banks to operate and compete through a branch structure. In Germany 18% of all loans are held by foreign banks. In the United States the figure is 35% in Great Britain 58%, while in Canada the figure is a mere 8%. Interestingly, approximately one-third of the profits recorded by Canadian banks come from services they provide outside the country. So while Canadian banks benefit from international competition, Canadian consumers and businesses don't.

Competition would immediately create more jobs, expand available credit and financing options for small and medium sized businesses, and likely reduce credit card rates and service charges. Finally, more entrants in the marketplace also means those so-called "excessive profits" would be held in check.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 1997 be a good year

Editor, The Star, Sir,

As we come into the Christmas season so thankful for the support of our community, we at the Canadian Cancer Society want to warmly wish all of you at the paper the best of the holiday season. Most importantly we would like to gratefully acknowledge your tremendous support over the last year. You have helped to find us the volunteers we needed, covered our campaigns, special events, and multitudes of programs. This support provides the vital connection to individuals and families seeking emotional comfort and practical aid when dealing with cancer, while bringing in new volunteers which are vital to our organization. You are also our essential link to delivering the messages of prevention and early detection to help minimize this destructive disease.

The start of a New Year is a time of renewal for many and a chance for resolutions to take even better care of their health, their families and their communities. Each of us can make a difference by taking conscious action to improve our own health. In good health, we can also resolve to be of service to others. As everyone celebrates family and community we want to also thank the more than 700 volunteers in the Fraser Valley who are at your service year round and the additional 2,000 people who come forward in support of our campaign.

We continue to welcome each new gift of time from volunteers for our education and patient programs, our campaign drives, or the administration and leadership of this caring organization.

Once again, a big thank you to everyone at the Aldergrove Star, our very special and most significant community partner in health. Peace and Joy!

We look forward to our partnership with you in 1997.

VERA SPEDALIERE,
Langley

Full of sound and fury

Editor, The Star,

I can see why we needed a cultural centre, but not one planned backstage (behind those closed doors) to appear to cost $10-million, while it was destined for a Grammy level $40-million. That's only money. (But it's our money!)

This persistent political drama 'Full of sound and fury, strutting across the stage' that is being performed by the two backbencher councillors, McMullan and Kositsky, smacks of 'sour grapes' and the curtain is up. The leading roles have been reselected and the rehearsals are over, folks!

We now have a duly elected Mayor Scholtens and his chosen and 'elected' team. What leader should not and would not select people to accomplish his agenda? He would be a fool not to. His right to select, with the support of a majority of the elected council, pertains to all layers of Township staff, like it or not.

Complaints about staff's not having a 'track record' is quite simply political fodder. The captain of the team has experience and so too does a very capable councillor, Muriel Arnason, who is no 'push over'. The constituents have duly given the team enough rope to operate and/or hang themselves. Those complaining about the team's being able to perform might best intellectually step aside one pace and let them through. This maturity may require some humility and the ingesting of a little crow, but being able to do so in full view of the electorate, admitting your station in the overall scheme of things, even though it comes with a loss of power, take some moral fibre.

I venture to say that the readers of our good local papers may be tiring of this backward-looking Act Three, Scene Four. The election curtain is now down. It's 'Yesterday's Newspaper'!

KARL M. FISCHER,
Aldergrove

Fund raising tough

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Fund raising is tough! Therefore I'd like to thank the Aldergrove's Otter Co-Op, Royal Bank, and Liquor Store for graciously allowing the Aldergrove Aeros Soccer Club to use the front of their establishments for our sales endeavours.

This tangibly illustrates, to the young men involved, the commitment to youth these businesses have shown by supporting us. Also, thanks to the many residents who helped us by purchasing our wares.

RICHARD BENSON,
Coach, Aldergrove Aeros S.C.

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.

Students take a break during class in the woods.

NEW SKILLS IN DEMAND

Silviculture growing new jobs in forestry

CHILLIWACK – "Silviculture is the art and science of growing a tree," said Marcel Faucher, a student in Silviculture Worker Training, a new program at the University College of the Fraser Valley. For nine former mill workers, enrolled in the first-of-its-kind course at UCFV, silviculture is a chance for a new career, as more and more mills downsize, cut back, and close.

The students, who graduated from the 16-week program on November 27, came from all over the Lower Mainland to take advantage of the training, which was co-sponsored by International Forest Products Ltd. (Interfor) Hope logging division, the IWA local 1-3567, and UCFV, with funding from Forest Renewal BC.

Jim Jensen, a private silviculture consultant with many years forestry experience, helped set the program up, designed the curriculum, and taught some of the classes.

"Silviculture is intensive forest management," said Jensen. "I designed this program hoping to provide participants with enough background and skills to make them viable commodities in the forest industry. There are jobs in this field, and the industry is going to expand."

Jensen also congratulated the graduating students on their achievement and also their tolerance with some "minor glitches" that were encountered during the training. "It's not easy being the first ones through a brand new program. When you translate what's on paper to the real world, there are always some adjustments to make. The students were very understanding."

Some of the participants had already been served layoff notices, but for some taking the program meant giving up their jobs.

"We saw the writing on the wall and figured we'd get a jump on the layoffs and get some training before it happened," said Ravi Hayer.

"It was a big commitment though, because we knew we would not have jobs to go back to, so we really burned our bridges," added Hayer's brother Nick.

The participants, some with 20 years experience in the mills, all enjoyed the program and felt very positive about the training they received and the job opportunities it would provide. They all loved working outside, except when it poured. "Then it was a drag," was the consensus.

Everything from fighting forest fires and helicopter safety to computer applications, lifeskills, and conflict resolution was covered in the program, as well as basic forestry, pathology, planting, pruning, waste and residue surveys and management, juvenile spacing, and mapping.

Some of the field work was done on Vedder Mountain near Chilliwack.

"There's a very productive ecosystem there," said Jensen. "It's a prime site for intensive silviculture."

"We're probably going to be the most knowledgeable guys in the woods," said Jeff Anderson, who has enjoyed the program so much, he's thinking about going on to get a diploma in forestry one day.

"This has been an incredible experience. The forests are so beautiful, and it's great to be doing something environmentally healthy."

UCFV has a number of additional partnership projects in development under the forest Renewal B.C. Plan. The next Silviculture Training program is scheduled for January.

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Too many calls, not enough officers

ABBOTSFORD - Beginning January 1, 1997 police here will no longer attend motor vehicles in which there are no injuries requiring hospital treatment, or only minor injuries involving soft tissue damage.

The public should be aware that when police do attend minor accidents and submit a report, it is for statistical collection only, and does not have implications regarding liability.

Since attending minor accidents is a statistic collection exercise, it is one type of service the department can eliminate to provide adequate resources for higher policing priorities.

Also effective January 1, the police department will only respond to driving complaints when the complainant attends the front counter of the main station on Justice Way, or the community station on Essendene Avenue, during regular office hours. The complainant must submit a written statement of the observed driving infraction and be willing and able to attend court if the offending driver is summoned to court.

Chief Constable Barry Daniel, in making the announcements last week, said they would like to respond to all public requests for service, but the reality is too many calls and too few officers.

"Some difficult decisions must be made so we can continue to effectively investigate crime, and continue our efforts towards community policing," he said.

Police will still attend to the following incidents: accidents resulting in injuries requiring hospital treatment; fatal accidents; hit and run accidents where there is a suspect vehicle; accidents causing a serious traffic obstruction (for traffic control only) and; accidents where there is evidence of a criminal offence, such as impaired driving.

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Spirits lifted by warm songs and wise words

By MUN HOPE

ALDERGROVE – The record-breaking snowfall and unusual weather conditions may have kept people home, especially with icy roads and black ice. Yet, wherever you go, when roads are passable, you can still hear singing voices and great music all over this area.

Young people sing joyfully.

Seniors join in enthusiastically, bringing back happy memories of earlier days.

They are especially appreciative of the songs and ancient carols printed by the Aldergrove Star; and freely distributed in the local newspaper office.

Thank you again for your usual generosity.

There are many residents who sing these favourites in a deeply spiritual way.

The message in these timely songs and traditional carols keep reminding them of the lowly birth of the Saviour in a manger. They remind them of the Lord Jesus Christ who came to earth about two thousand years ago.

Even angels proclaim Him as God and Saviour of mankind.

After dying on the Cross at Calvary, He arose again, physically and spiritually; and promises to return again, personally and physically. He has shed His blood on the Cross, in order that God and sinner may be reconciled; and to give them second birth.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

Some have sung these carols over and over again throughout the years; and have personally received the Lord Jesus Christ into their hearts as their personal Saviour, Lord and God.

Someone has prayed privately and personally: "Lord Jesus Christ, I confess myself to be completely lost and guilty before God, who had died on the Cross, shedding His blood for all my sins, past, present and future. I therefore acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, my Lord, my God."

Some others have followed this prayer with an additional one: "Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you personally for becoming my Saviour, my Lord and my God; and forgiving me for all my sins, through the blood shed at Calvary.

Out of appreciation for your love, I unconditionally surrender myself, and my entire life, to God. I mean every word that I say."

After a prayer like this, all the ancient carols take on a new meaning, during the celebration; and during the New Year!

"Joy to the world. The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

"Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice."

Behold His Cradle, Cross and Crown; and crown Him Lord of your life!

Welfare cheque pickup applauded by taxpayers

DAWSON CREEK – BC Reform leader Jack Weisgerber has congratulated the NDP on their decision to continue the welfare cheque pick-up project for confirming recipients' benefit eligibility.

"I applaud the government on the welfare cheque pick-up policy designed to crack-down on fraud and abuse," Weisgerber noted. "The project should, however, be expanded province-wide and made standard ministry policy, instead of the current random eligibility checks.

"The welfare system is still badly in need of further measures aimed at cutting costs and cracking-down on fraud and abuse. The estimated cost savings from this one project alone should be proof enough for the Ministry to seriously review and implement new measures and expand current ones, such as requiring all recipients to present photo ID when they make a claim or pick up their cheques.

"The NDP has taken a step in the right direction. Common sense dictates, however, that the welfare eligibility checks should become standard ministry policy province-wide and not be eliminated in March 1997 as planned," Weisgerber said.

RESPONSE TO AIDS

Student help practical

LANGLEY – Students wearing red ribbons were seen all across Trinity Western University's campus as hundreds crowded the auditorium for a chapel address given by special guest Paul Couillard, an AIDS victim and professed Christian, who challenged students to consider their response to people with AIDS.

Occurring just days prior to World AIDS Day, the red ribbon campaign and chapel program were organized by Trinity Western's Christian Outreach in Response to AIDS group made up of a number of student volunteers. "We want to make people aware of the needs that exist among AIDS patients," said Jennifer Dougans, leader of CORA for the past three years and a biology major at TWU. "It doesn't matter how individuals contract the disease - as far as we're concerned they are people who are sick and need support to help them get through a tough time in their lives."

Since its founding five years ago, both the structure and mission of CORA has changed dramatically. Originally established as an AIDS awareness group to educate students on campus about the disease, CORA is now actively involved in community programs that both educate youth and provide practical help to individuals with AIDS.

Over the years, the group has raised money for the campus-wide red ribbon campaign, participated in the AIDS Walk, arranged for various guests to come and speak to the student body and was invited by a member of the HIV/AIDS Coalition in Langley to participate in programs such as A Loving Spoonful which provides meals for AIDS patients. "A number of our volunteers filled out the application for A Loving Spoonful," explained Dougans. "We hope that as the program grows our services will be needed."

In the meantime, CORA members are involved in Langley municipality's monthly Coffee Jams for high school students. "We want to come alongside youth and help educate them about AIDS. We hope to encourage them to explore abstinence as the most effective way of avoiding the disease," said Dougans.

As to the future, Dougans hopes that the community will feel free to call upon students at Trinity Western to provide whatever services they can. "We just want to be out there working with organizations and helping people suffering from the disease and their families - whether its moving them to a new home, delivering meals, or just being a friend."

LANGLEY

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OBITUARY

TAGGETT: Milly (Nan), passed away December 12, 1996 in Langley, at age 90. Nan was predeceased by her husband, Eric. Survived by her family. Nan leaves behind two daughters; Joan (George) Millership of Aldergrove and Barbara (John) Walker of Wales. Seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many friends. In honour of Milly's request a private cremation will take place and no service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Cancer Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Our sincere thanks to all the staff at Cedar Hill Centre and previously at Langley Lodge. Also Dr. Aspinall. Thank you one and all for the kindness and care shown to Mum and Nan.

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Bruins mauled by Surrey

by JOHN PARLEY

ALDERGROVE - Surrey Minor spoiled the Wilway Lumber Bantam A Bruins Christmas party last Wednesday with a 7-1 thumping of the local squad. The Bruins scored the opening goal of the game, a short handed beauty by Lucas Fransen, after Mark Cassibo had made a good rush up the ice. Tyler Perkins also drew an assist on the play. Period scores were 1-1 and 5-1.

Ice Chips: This was the weakest effort of the year by the Bruins. In the earlier game between the teams this year the Bruins tied Surrey Minor... Despite Fransen's short handed goal, specialty teams did the Bruins in. For the first 6 minutes of the second period the Bruins were on the power play (almost two minutes 5 on 3). During that time the Bruins had a total of three shots on goal! As luck (?) would have it the Bruins returned the favor. Included in the Bruins penalty parade was a 5 minute match for head butting – with helments on!.

While the Bruins were playing their six munites shorthanded Surrey pumped 14 shots at the Aldergrove goal and scored 4 goals... Surrey turned up the physical heat in the third period and Bruins never answered the bell...The Bruins have now scored two goals in their last three games... Carl Ammann has joined the team from the Bantam B team. Welcome aboard Carl... Matt Roberts continues on the sick list, Aubrey Smith on the injury list and Ben Henthorne for 15 days on the suspended list.

Wolverines, Knights in stalemate

ALDERGROVE – Century 21 Wolverines and the Aldergrove Green Knights skated to a hard fought 5-5 tie, in Novice Division Minor Hockey action Dec. 12 at Aldergrove Arena.

Trevor Cameron led with a hat trick and 1 assist; Brandon Lawson 1 goal, 2 assists; Cal Bennet 1 goal, and Joel Feitsma 2 assists also starred. Ryan Johnson was strong in goal, making several key saves to preserve the tie.

Wolverines next play in a Novice tournament in Abbotsford, Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Marching for Alzheimers

LANGLEY – Show your support by joining in the Alzheimer Awareness March from Innes Corner in Langley (Fraser Hwy. and Glover Rd.) to Douglas Park Recreation Centre at noon, Saturday, January 18. Donation collection forms are available by calling the Alzheimer Resource Centre at 533-5277.

Junior A team earns its win

LANGLEY - Fraser Valley Junior A ringette team got off to a slow start in their game against Coquitlam on Saturday, but came back to win by a score of 7 to 4.

Evelyn Neufeld scored two goals, along with single goals by Danielle Altilia, Michelle Geraghty, Leanne Krusel, Erin Selinger and Stacey Thorson. Kaeli Campbell played a solid game in goal to help the team win the game.

Youth sports facility proposed here

ALDERGROVE - Three thousand parents are behind a proposal for a major youth sports complex at the former Jackman landfill site.

A committee that so far has representatives from minor soccer, football and baseball clubs here, will be putting the plan before Township council early in the new year. The first phase proposal is for sportsfields on about 40 acres of the 110 acre property, owned by the Township.

Spokesman Doug Mathieson told The Star that there is already a shortage of playing fields in this area, and there is no other available land for such development. Other jurisdictions have allowed golf course development of former landfill sites, as the only viable use of this type of land, but in the south Aldergrove area there is already a golf course under development nearby.

WHATEVER YOUR AGE

Use your head when you're playing hockey

OTTAWA – Over four million Canadians play hockey. Men and women of all ages use rented ice surfaces, non-regulated community rinks, ponds, even roads. Adult amateurs comprise 85 percent of non-competitive, recreational hockey players.

In the late '70s the Canadian Hockey Association ruled that all minor league players must wear helmets and face masks certified by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). In 1981, the Canadian Hockey League made the same rule for its junior hockey players.

But only half of the hockey players in Canada fall under CHA or CHL jurisdiction. All other players are exempt from regulations requiring personal protection. The Canadian Oldtimers Hockey Association alone consists of more than 100,000 players on over 3,000 teams.

"Helmets and face protectors are not mandatory for non-organized recreational players," notes Canada Safety Council president Emile Therien, "but that doesn't mean these players are immune to injury. There is no question that wearing protective equipment prevents injuries."

Playing hockey is a great way to keep active, continues Mr. Therien. He points out that most injuries are entirely preventable without compromising the appeal and fun of the game.

For example, statistics clearly show the value of wearing face protection. In the 1974-75 hockey season, before the CHA ruling, there were 258 eye injuries, including 43 blinded eyes. The average age of a player suffering an eye injury was 14 years of age.

In the 1992-93 season only 31 eye injuries were reported, including four blinded eyes. Not one of the injured players was wearing a CSA certified face protector. The average age of a player suffering an injury resulting in a legally blind eye had risen to 33.

A new hockey helmet and visor could be the ideal gift for that Oldtimer on your Christmas list. Himself an Oldtimer and the father of an NHL player, Therien recommends all adult recreational players wear a CSA-certified helmet and visor to protect the head and eyes. "It sets a good example," he says, "and it could prevent a serious injury."

THUNDER

LANGLEY HOCKEY BCJHL

DECEMBER 17 ...South Surrey scored 4 times in the 2nd period and went on to defeat Langley 5-3. Five different scorers found net for the Eagles including the winner by A.J. Begg. Trevor Lornson scored a pair fir the Thunder.

PERIOD 1
14:22 LAN PP D.Wells (T.Lornson, J.Ferguson)
19:53 SUR PP R.Bowers (J.Vandermeer, S.Gomez)

PERIOD 2
0:35 SUR J.Vandermeer (D.Dumas)
2:35 LAN PP S.Kacir (N.McQuoid, D.Gaudet)
4:44 SUR K.Wilson
9:14 SUR A.J.Begg (A.McNiven, S.Kuss)
17:30 SUR A.McNiven (A.J.Begg, K.Wilson)

PERIOD 3
9:06 LAN PP T.Lornson (T.Wideman)

GOALTENDERS RECORD ACTUAL SHOTS

LANGLEY	1P	2P	3P	TOT.SV.	TOT.MIN.
S.Reid	10	10	9	29	60
S.SURREY					
C.Peck	11	18	5	34	60

PENALTY MIN. LANGLEY 13-34 (1 MISCONDUCT)
S.SURREY 9-18

DECEMBER 18 ...Justin LeBlanc scored the winner & helped set-up 2 others to lead Chilliwack to a 6-1 win over visiting Langley. Paul Fioroni scored a pair and added an assist for the Chiefs while Trevor Wideman notched the lone Thunder marker.

PERIOD 1
3:01 LAN PP T.Wideman (R.Marten, T.Lornson)
7:58 CHI PP J.Lapeyre (B.Yackel, J.Reimer)

PERIOD 2
3:54 CHI PP J.LeBlanc (P.Fioroni)

PERIOD 3
1:53 CHI P.Fioroni (C.DeMoissac, J.LeBlanc)
9:07 CHI P.Fioroni (J.LeBlanc, J.Lapeyre)
16:59 CHI W.Mueller (J.Arbott)
18:46 CHI R.Friesen (S.Rodgers, B.Gassoff)

GOALTENDERS RECORD ACTUAL SHOTS

LANGLEY	1P	2P	3P	TOT.SV.	TOT.MIN.
S.Reid	14	17	6	37	60
CHILLIWACK					
Z.Ivanic	14	9	3	26	60

PENALTY MIN. LANGLEY 7-14
CHILLIWACK 10-20

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Nanaimo Clippers	18	13	2	150	145	38	2 2
Chilliwack Chiefs	18	13	1	139	140	37	1 1
Victoria Salsa	17	20	0	131	160	34	3 0
Langley Thunder	12	22	3	150	19	27	1 3
INTERIOR DIV.							
Trail Smoke Eaters	25	9	1	181	129	51	5 1
Vernon Vipers	22	9	3	179	123	47	1 3
P.George Spruce Kings	17	16	2	137	162	36	2 2
Penticton Panthers	14	21	1	153	162	29	0 1
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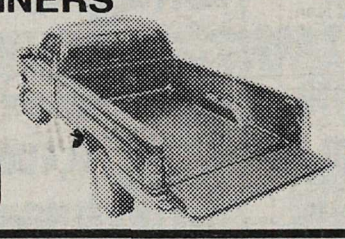

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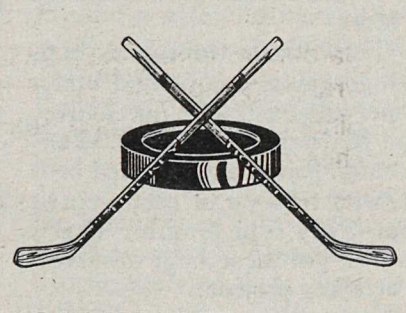

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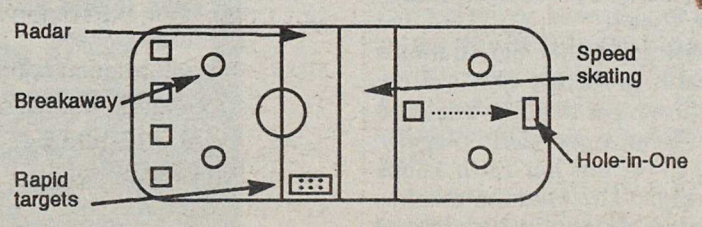

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Muriel was born on Sept. 11, 1926, in Winnipeg, the daughter of a scrap dealer who deserted his wife and two very young children. It was a hard life for her mother and brother, both of whom passed away at relatively young ages. However, she married John while in her early 20s and has enjoyed what she calls a blessed life complete with four children and several grandchildren.

"John had so many degrees," said Muriel, who felt compelled to complete her high school in her mid-40s. "I went to night school and got my grade 13 at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School at age 45. I won every scholarship except for sports." After four years at UBC, she had her bachelor of arts, although she still gets angry that some told her she was "too old" to be going for her library sciences certificate. As well as receiving her five year teaching certificate, she is also an ARCT certified piano and voice teacher.

After working for Surrey Parks and Recreation, organizing volunteers for Langley Community Services, and substitute teaching in Surrey and Langley school districts, she became the first female councillor elected to the Township. A few years later, Muriel was joined by the second woman, Carol Gran, and while the two often disagreed and fought, Muriel has proven to be the true survivor. "She thought she had me licked so many times," laughed Muriel, "but I always felt she treated me with respect, and I do miss that. Times have changed, and some ways for the worse.

"People fundamentally want to believe the system works, because they don't have enough time for it if it doesn't. The group (of councillors) that's elected should be carrying on," said Muriel. She said some of these issues are perhaps mundane, such as a recent case involving an elderly family threatened with eviction because of septic field problems. Township council and the health department have worked out a solution, and Muriel said that morning, "They phoned me up in tears, they were so happy to get an extension (while the work was completed). I think this sort of thing is what being a councillor is all about, not the elitist stuff."

She said "people are worried to death out there. They can't pay more taxes, and they're frightened of quick change. It's pretty tough, and I wish council would listen a lot more.

"This idiotic three-year budgeting system we've had under former administrator Jim Godfrey is all based on building the cultural centre. I want a zero-based budget, with reviews of each department every four months. That's how we got these huge reserves, by delaying projects.

"Steve Wilcox (the recently-deceased head of Township finance) had real authority. He would bring his fist down on the table to make his point at budget deliberations. Finances are the most important part, like the heart, because if the money is not there, other parts will suffer.

"We need to do more for Aldergrove, you haven't had anything for a long time. When Father and I come out to play bridge with the seniors they get angry about the water in Aldergrove. I get hell in Walnut Grove about the overpass at 200 Street, and about the services not being there.

"This group (the new council) has none of the baggage of the past and are free to move in a different direction. We have to show them where to go with it, but if the other group keeps on with the vendetta it'll be like a sickness. I am astounded with the hatred -- these people are not criminals, they were elected, and the campaign's over. Now we have to do the right thing by the environment, the growth rate, groundwater protection, bus service..."

Muriel did not go along with the hiring of Mark Bakken as the new Township administrator, but also refuses to get caught up in the controversy about it. "The hiring is legal, and those who wish to to fight this forever should realize there's no way to (have the decision reversed). I find (Bakken) very available and prefer to be optimistic. This is a heaven-sent opportunity to review every aspect of Township operations.

"People who are fanatics frighten me. Their only concern is the one goal, when so many come into the equation. A single vision should extend to all of the Township.

"I think this will level itself out by the time we come to discuss the budget. There will be serious consideration, and it's up to us to listen to what the public wants to do with the money we have."

Over the years, for example, Muriel has seen many re-development proposals come forward for the old Border Sand & Gravel pit at the foot of 200 Street, including one to turn it into a regional dump site. Current owners, Vicwood have suggested a combination golf course and housing project, and Muriel said they "should get a public hearing. It's like a moonscape down there, and should go to its best and highest use."

Muriel said that over the years there's "been a lot of scrambles that have left us with pockets of bad land. I've always looked on it like a wedding, you know, we're in it for better and for worse. We have to plan work to make all areas work together, otherwise other places have nothing."

She also said the decision to suspend all Township volunteer committees, while council reconsiders their roles and makeup, has her full support. Noting that one commissioner has served eight years and recently resigned in protest, Muriel said, "When we first set up these committees, it was never our intention to have people serve on them forever. These are not elected positions, after all."

She said the most humiliating experience of her life was being ordered out of a parks and recreation commission meeting earlier this year. "I was stunned, I couldn't believe it. I represent council at many meetings, and we elected councillors are the boss, after all. I told them that this behind-closed-doors business on the cultural centre was their fatal error. If they wanted it to get approval they should have opened it up more, brought more people into the process, got the public onside. They blew it, and they still can't see it."

Muriel jests that her diabetes and health problems don't allow to get down on bended knees to pray -- "I can't get back up again, if I try it" -- but her faith keeps her strong. "The Buddha teaches that we're all one, animals and nature, and we have to be aware of all the parts."

Compost committee works to April deadline

ALDERGROVE - The Abbotsford city-appointed Compost Committee continues to discuss proposed solutions to the foul stench caused by commercial composting operations, but are aiming for a final recommendation by April.

Coalition for Clean Air chairman Art Martens is also chair of the compost committee, and members of the latter include citizens, and representatives of both business and government. "We need a definitive decision, and mayor George Ferguson suggested it needs to be done by the end of March. If not by then, it'll never happen."

While Martens said he feels they have "convinced business that changes need to be made immediately," he believes that the agriculture ministry will "lead the way in a demonstration project" that will involve new technology to handle odors.

Roger Clapham, another coalition and committee member, told The Star that a letter from the Agriculture Ministry opposing Abbotsford's proposed nuisance bylaw has caused council to delay its implementation. "Industry's attitude is that the shortterm solution is location, while longterm is new technology, but industry has failed so far (to address public concern)."

"Councillor Chuck Wiebe has displayed refreshing good sense" by observing that poultry and hog operations used to be a problem but now have "cleaned up their act. Columbia Cellulose used to stink, too — back in the '60s we called it the smell of money. But they've changed and we don't have beehive burners any more either."

Ferguson has said the "first step is to contain the gases, by enclosing it in an airtight building, and scrubbing the exhaust. But this is beyond the reach of small operators," said Clapham, who predicted a new level of political activism when the new compost facility on LeFeuvre Road begins operations near Aldergrove town.

"Not one of the owners lives near the operations. They'd be singing a different song if they lived there," said Clapham. "There are a lot of angry people, and we have nowhere to back down to."

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Nisga'a study termed "one-sided"

VANCOUVER – "A cynical effort to whitewash the truth", was the reaction of BC fishing industry representatives to the release yesterday of the BC governments socio-economic study of the proposed Nisga'a Treaty.

Fisheries Survival Coalition spokesman, Phil Eidsvik, alleged that the "industry consultations" claimed by the report consisted of "a few discussions with selected individuals in Prince Rupert". "These people had no part in establishing or commenting on the study's methodology", Eidsvik said.

"We understand that the study ignores the negative implications of the Nisga'a deal for fisheries management, nor does it assess the cumulative effects of taking fish away from Canadian citizens who are not Nisga'a."

Fisheries Council of BC president Mike Hunter agreed. "Industry input into this new government study was extremely limited. Most of us were unaware that the study was being conducted," Hunter said. He warned that the industry continued to believe that the impacts of the Nisga'a deal on the economics of the fishery and on fisheries management are extremely serious. "Opposition to the deal has not diminished, and the new government study does nothing to convince us that economic and conservation impacts are understood by a government that has such a stake in the agreement as written", Hunter said.

The groups' spokesmen noted that an earlier study, commissioned by the Nisga'a and the provincial and federal governments on the impact of the proposed Nisga'a deal, had yet to see the light of day. The study, undertaken by Fisheries Consultant Michael Shepard of Victoria, is believed to demonstrate conclusively that the fisheries elements of the Nisga'a deal have very negative coastwide impacts on the recreational and commercial fishing industries.

Aldergrove Kinsmen Dave Deyette and Mike Muise brought the goodies, along with tools to assemble the components, when they delivered $2,500 worth of entertainment to Jackman Manor and Country Lane residents last week. Muise said they got "a deal" on the 32" TV, VCR and stereo system, which was purchased through Kinsmen bingo funds. The club also doled out another $20,000 in grants to a dozen local charities last week, as well as delivered a number of food hampers locally. More details next week, and keep up the good works! -Kurt Langmann photo

New look but same service

LANGLEY – If you're a regular visitor to LMH, the first thing you'll notice these days is the "new look" lobby. That's because the hospital has recently finished renovating space in the lobby area, so that the many Ambulatory Care clinics offered at Langley Memorial will be located in one convenient central location.

Off the hospital's main lobby you'll now find four services: Cardiology, Respiratory, Nutrition and Diabetes Services. Janice Boots is the Dietitian for the Diabetes program and welcomes the opportunity to move into new quarters. Over the years, she and her colleagues have seen a steady increase in the demand for their services.

"The trend towards providing outpatient service, rather than admitting people to hospital, has shown up in our work," Boots explains. "In the past, when people were first diagnosed with diabetes and prescribed insulin, they were often admitted to hospital. Now they come to us as outpatients. In the past year, this aspect of our program saw double the amount of visits from the previous year."

Much of Diabetes Services work is educational - teaching people with diabetes how to manage their condition. The teaching team includes a nurse, dietician, physiotherapist, pharmacist, occupational therapist and social worker.

One of the many educational services provided for patients with diabetes is an annual follow-up class. This is a 1/2 day "refresher" course offered to those who have attended the 2-day education program for newly-diagnosed patients. "We set up our follow-up sessions so that people regularly attend with the same people they met the previous year. This means that they get to know each other and offer each other support," comments Boots. The past year saw a 17% increase in attendance, as people welcome the reminder of how best to care for themselves. Altogether 336 people attended these sessions in 1995/96.

After each follow-up class, participants are asked to rate the session and comment on what they found of value. A quick review of these evaluations gives an idea of how important patients find these sessions. "This program is so very important in keeping me on track"; "Very useful having spouses allowed to attend - we don't have to re-explain at home"; "Education of diabetics and their caregivers can keep people out of hospital"; "I'm maintaining my readings, weight and most of all my health...thanks to the information provided in these classes. Keep up the good work".

Fatal crash claims senior

LANGLEY - A 68 year-old Chilliwack man is believed to have died of a heart attack just before 11 a.m, Wednesday, December 18; although good Samaritans on the scene administered CPR.

The man, who was pronounced dead at Langley Memorial Hospital, had lost control of his vehicle and collided with a parked car in the 20300 block of Logan Avenue. Both vehicles sustained only minor damage.

Bogus US bills

ABBOTSFORD - Police are advising the public to beware of fake $20 US bills circulating in the area. Over the last few weeks several have been passed at local businesses.

Both real Canadian and American currency have raised printing in the words 'Canada' and 'United states of America.' Both also have portraits with fine detailing, usually missing on counterfeit bills.

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Star Entertainment

Young carolers from Bradner Elementary warmed the hearts of Jackman Manor residents with songs and performances by their handbell group. -Kurt Langmann photo

Children are read winners

ABBOTSFORD – The Fraser Valley Regional Library have announced the grand prize winners of the Reading Express Game.

The Reading Express program was developed to encourage school age children to obtain a library card and to visit the library on a weekly basis. The Reading Express game ran from October 1 to November 30, 1996. Each child that participated in the program received a game card and, depending on the number of visits they made to the library, small prizes such as buttons, bookmarks, and frisbees. A bag of books was awarded to a child in each of the 22 FVRL branches. Children who completed the game were entered into a draw to win day passes on the West Coast Express, round trip tickets from Vancouver to Seattle with Amtrak, or a trip for two on Via Rail to Jasper.

Winners of the West Coast Express passes are: Jenna Skeete, Emily Robb, Kyla Murphy, Sarah Bennett, and Emily Soth.

Winners of the Amtrak tickets are: Kevin Parker, Matthew Leone, Alex Nicholson, Zoe Demaere, Thomas Hess, Brent Karding, Brent Van Kleek, Alicia Alstad, Louis Philippe Gauthier, and Kyle Weatherby.

The winner of the Via Rail trip to Jasper is Graham Sullivan from North Delta.

A total of 5,034 children participated in the Reading Express Game and 1,265 of those participants visited the library on a weekly basis during October and November.

Seniors Network enjoy holiday tunes and break before new year's activities start

By VI McKEOWN

ALDERGROVE – The Sherry and Shortbread Social, following the Aldergrove Seniors Network meeting on December 16, was a resounding success. We were entertained by the Betty Gilbert Elementary School Choir, directed by Mrs. Lorie Naylor, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Merkel. This group of 50 girls and boys sang a selection of Christmas carols and songs. They performed beautifully, with great enthusiasm, and were enjoyed by all.

The following Network events are coming up in the New Year.

Back to Fitness classes will begin again on January 14th. The seniors (60+) rate for 20 sessions is $24, which is a real deal.

A shopping trip to Guildford Mall is planned for January 15th. There will be time to browse and have lunch.

A visit to the Langley Centennial Museum on January 23rd will showcase the Women's Institute through artifacts, historic photographs, and memorabilia.

"As You Like It" is the Shakespearean classic being presented by the Aldergrove Community Secondary drama department, on January 28th.

Another shopping trip, this time to Westminster Quay, is scheduled for February 18th.

A Museum trip on February 27th will feature visual art forms created by Langley artists.

For the convenience of members taking trips, the bus will pick up people at the Kinsmen Community Centre, as usual, and also at the Lions Grove Estates parking lot.

For more details, pick up a copy of the current Network News at the Kinsmen Community Centre, or phone their office at 856-2899.

We invite you to join us at the next general meeting which will be held on January 27th, 1997, at 1:30 pm. New members will be welcome.

On behalf of the executive and members of the Aldergrove Seniors Network, we wish to extend to everyone our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.

A Viennese weekend in Vancouver with Strauss

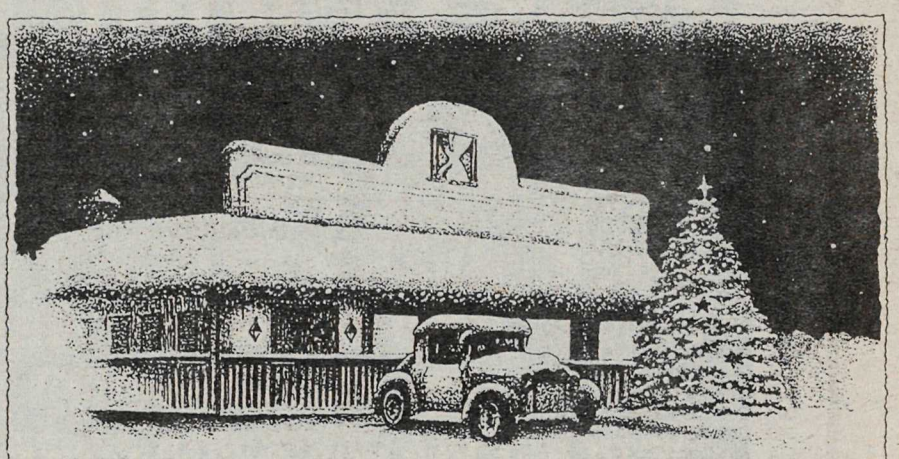
VANCOUVER – Celebrate Franz Schubert's 200th birthday by spending A Weekend in Vienna in Vancouver at the Four Seasons Hotel, January 24 to 26.

Music in the Morning's Artistic Director June Goldsmith has put together a music-lover's fantasy weekend of music, food, informal lectures, ballroom dancing and more.

The weekend begins on Friday evening with ballroom dancing lessons at the hotel, a Vancouver Symphony Orchestra concert at the Orpheum and dessert and coffee at the Four Seasons. On Saturday morning, Dr. Rita Steblin will speak. Born in Chilliwack, Dr. Steblin has been living in Vienna since 1994, on a two-year grant to research Schubert iconography. She has just released her latest book, "New Discoveries on Schubert", which joins the army of articles she has already published on the subject. After a refreshment of coffee and rolls, enjoy a 11:30 am concert by pianists James Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton, followed by a talk from Rena Sharon. Tea and sumptuous Viennese pastries will be served at 3:30 pm, then pianist Sharon will accompany baritone Christopheren Nomura for a 4:15 pm concert. A splendid evening of dinner, music and dancing caps off the Saturday activities. On Sunday morning, the St. Lawrence String Quartet will play Schubert's Trout Quintet, and a trout brunch will be served in the hotel's elegant Garden Lounge.

The complete weekend package, including two nights' accommodation at Vancouver's five-star Four Seasons Hotel, is $375 (based on double occupancy). If you would like to take in all of the events but sleep in your own bed, the music and food events for the weekend cost $250. An overnight package, including the ball on Saturday evening, and the "Trout and Trout" brunch, is $200 (based on double occupancy). The Saturday evening only package is $150 (double) with a hotel stay and $100 without. Single tickets are available for all of the events - call 873-4612 for details.

For more information, or to receive a brochure, contact Music in the Morning at 873-4612 or fax 873-4658.



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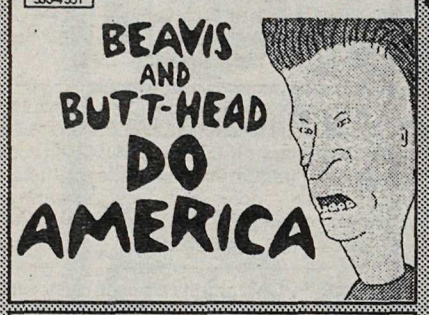

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110 Anniversaries

115 Birthdays

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130 Cards of Thanks

Thank you to the Aldergrove Kinsmen from Shortreed PAC for your donation of $300 towards Emergency Preparedness Plan. 52-4

140 Community/ Coming Events

Aldergrove Minor baseball is having a baseball registration this Sat., Dec.14, from 12 pm-2 pm at the Aldergrove Mall. Deadline is Jan.1 for the 1997 season. Please register now! For more info phone Anne **856-9065.** 50-4

B.C. Old Time Fiddlers Branch #5 Dance first Thursday of every month at Clayton Hall, 18513–70 Ave., Surrey, 7:30-11:30 pm. Admission $3. Gene Blouin **576-2452.** 50-tf

Oak Tree Family Resource Centre (Aldergrove) holds drop-in "Parent & Tot" every Wed. morning 9:30-11 am. This is a great opportunity for both parent and child to get out of the house and enjoy the company and socialization of others, play and explore, crafts etc. Call **857-9279.** 50-tf

Pacific Community Church gives you a second Sunday to your week. Beginning Tuesday, Jan.7 at 7 pm, you have a great opportunity to participate in the same kind of service offered at the Sunday Morning Celebration. Childcare is provided for 5 yrs. & under. Tuesday services held at Sunrise Banquet & Convernence Center, 6540–188 Street, Surrey, B.C. **574-4001.** 49-4

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, 32 groups in B.C. **855-9431.** 46-tf

STALLION SERVICE AUCTION. All breeds & colours of horse & pony stallions. Min.bid:$100. Bids close Jan.31/97 the Langley Riders Society. Info: **576-8767** or **597-1996.** 45-13

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The Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC Branch, is pleased to announce it has taken 1,000 cars off the road in BC. The Kidney car program, in its second year of operation in Greater Vancouver, recycles unwanted cars and helps fight kidney disease. For more information call **327-2277.** 35-tf

Langley Community Chorus , a mixed choir, welcomes new members. Choir meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in music room at D.W.Poppy Secondary School. Info: Chris or Arne **530-6629.** 35-tf

Bingo at the Aldergrove Legion Tues. night 6:30 pm. 28-tf

Jubilee Community Hall available for weddings, parties, meetings, etc. Kitchen facilities, beautiful country setting. Call Larry **856-2212** after 6 pm. 13-tf

Fraser Valley Hikers. Hiking or ski-trips every weekend. Meetings 3rd Wednesday of every month, senior's room, Matsqui Recreation Centre, 3106 Clearbrook Road, Clearbrook. For further information call **826-2281** or **850-8932** evenings. 7-tf

The Fraser Valley Volunteer Centre is looking for volunteers of all ages to help in a range of activities, long and short term. For information, call Brenda Dondo, director of volunteers, at **854-1844,** or come by the office at #303-32071 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, during regular office hours. 7-tf

L.O.V.E. Langley Offers Vegetarian Ethics a networking system for vegetarians. Monthly potlucks, Annette 530-2692. 52-tf

Aldergrove Food Bank. Please send donations to: 2623–272 St., Box 428, Aldergrove, B.C. V4W 2T9. 40-tf

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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

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

150 Weddings

160 Engagements

170 In Memoriam

180 Meetings

Have you sometimes wished you could spend one holiday sober? **Alcoholics Anonuymous 434-3933.** 50-3

Aldergrove Veterans & Seniors Society . New members welcome. Lunches, pool table, cards, socials, trips. Open Mon-Fri, 10-3, **856-3271.** 43-tf

RCSCC #169 Columbia welcomes boys & girls ages 10 to 13 yrs. to Navy League and 12 to 18 yrs. to Sea Cadets.Meetings are Tuesday nights 6:30 - 9:30 pm at the Cadet Training Centre, 4315–272 St.,Aldergrove. Please call **856-3700** and leave message requesting further information. 37-tf

Aldergrove Lions Club meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays at Lions Grove Estates Rec. Center, 2888–273 St. at 7 pm. New members welcome. Co-ed club. For info call **857-0023** or **856-6414.** 20-tf

Alder Grove Heritage Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at Seniors Drop In Centre, 27247 Fraser Hwy. Events include socials, sales, guest speakers, training, creek enhancement. Guests and new members welcome. Info **857-0555.** 18-tf

Langley Fibromyalgia (FM) Myalgicencephalomyelitif (M.E.) Self help group monthly meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month except July, Aug.,Dec. 7–9 pm, Langley Seniors Resource Centre. Kathie **533-3135.** 26-tf

Aldergrove Toastmasters Club meets every Monday eve. at Aldergrove Arena, 2882–272 St, from 7:30–9:30 pm. Guests and new members are always welcome! Contact Kim Hilton **857-1967.** 2-tf

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

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 Township Toastmasters meet every Tuesday 12:05 pm in the Langley Municipal Hall council chambers 4914–221 St.,Langley BC. For info contact Dennis Paget **533-6029.** 37-tf

HIV/AIDS Support Group. All meetings are strictly confidential and also open to support people and caregivers. Meetings are every Thursdays 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 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** or Mary **882-0865.**48-tf

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180 Meetings

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

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

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

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 Mike **856-6936.** 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

Single Dads support group meets alternate Wed. evenings. For more info call **857-4617.** 39-tf

Lupus Support group meets the second Monday of each month from 1:30-3:30 pm at Langley Senior Resource Centre, 20605–51B Ave. 14-tf

Arthritis evening support group meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month from 7-9 pm at Langley Senior Resource Centre, 20605–51B Ave. 14-tf

Arthritis afternoon support group meets the 3rd Monday of each month from 1:30-3:30 pm at Langley Senior Resource Centre, 20605–51B Ave. 14-tf

Langley Hospice Society is offering a Loss Support Program for adults, teens and children and their parents continuing on throughout the year as an open group. Call **530-1115** to register and for more information. **29-tf**

Emotions Anonymous. Serenity seekers. Monday 7:30 pm. **#207-20466 Fraser Highway,** Langley, BC, V3A 4G2. **1-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 at **530-1115.** 29-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

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180 Meetings

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.** 12-tf

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

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. 11-tf

T.O.P.S. (take pounds off sensibly). Join a new Aldergrove 9:15 Thur. morning group. Call 856-6715 for more details. 39-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

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

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210 Miscellaneous

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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

Fridays (ongoing): Prenatal classes for teens. Free classes available at Langley Health Unit, 532-2300. 43-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 #204 - 20651 - 56 Ave., Langley, 530-5811. Phone and enquire about your legal concerns. Free to low income people. 20-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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Langley Family Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to "Helping Families Help Themselves". A variety of programs and services, such as counselling, groups and workshops. For Information contact 534-7921. Offices are located at 5339 - 207 St. Langley. 22-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

Alcohol & Drug program counsellor from Langley Family Services will be at Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services Society, 26970 Fraser Hwy (above First Choice Produce) beginning Oct. 10 and every Thursday after. Service available to youths, adults & families. To see a counsellor and schedule a brief half hour appointment, either call Pat at 534-7921 or drop by between 1 and 3 pm Thursdays. This is a free service funded by the Ministry of Health. 40-tf

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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1470 Miscellaneous

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Fisher Price carseat $75. Fisher Price airplane jumper $25. Firewood $110 delivered. **856-7835.** 51-2

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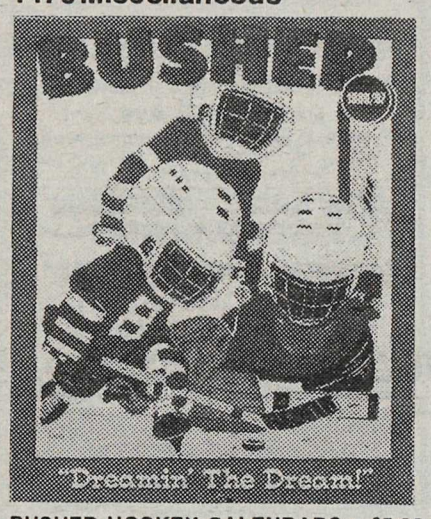
4'x8' pool table, 3 yrs. old, excel. cond. Heavy scrolled legs, cherry finish. New $3,000. now $1,500. **856-6168.** 51-4

14 FOR SALE

1470 Miscellaneous



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14 FOR SALE

1470 Miscellaneous

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Aldergrove suite 1 bdrm. newer, ground level, private entrance. Shared W/D, gas F/P, NS, N/P. avail. immed. $525 + 1/3 util.**856-3620.** 50-4

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1690 Wanted to Rent

17 REAL ESTATE

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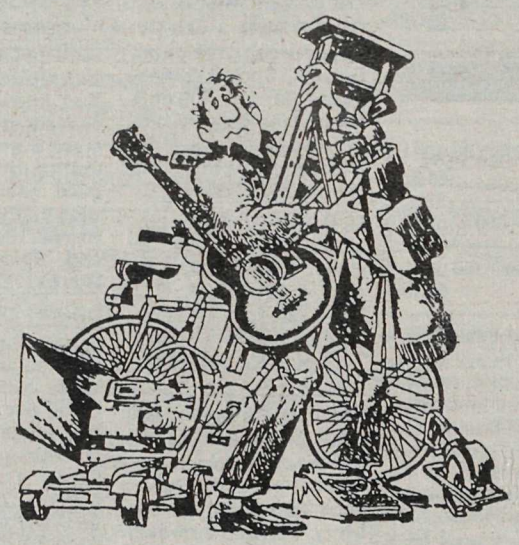

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20 AUTOMOTIVE

2050 Cars

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Victoria expands photo radar

DAWSON CREEK – The NDP continues to expand the photo radar program despite continuing cost escalations, said BC Reform leader Jack Weisgerber, Dec. 13.

"Right from the get go, photo radar has been plagued with problems, many of which still haven't been solved. And ironically the NDP chose today - Friday the 13th - to announce that process servers will start personally presenting photo radar tickets to vehicle owners.

"Until today, notices of photo radar infractions were mailed out to the vehicle owners, and the government simply relied upon people's goodwill to fork over the cash. Now process servers will be paying a visit to the estimated 25 percent or so of owners, who don't respond to the mailed 'request for payment."

"The NDP's ambitious push to implement photo radar has tilted what was a level playing field. Prior to photo radar, traffic court was always a place, where lay people could have their cases heard without the fear or intimidation that often comes with the mere presence of Crown prosecutors. As well, the person receiving a conventional speeding ticket had the opportunity at the outset to question the police officer who issued the ticket. What we're now seeing is a huge time lag in getting notices out to vehicle owners, a much more confrontational court atmosphere, and less accountability from those issuing tickets.

"BC Reform continues to fight tooth and nail against photo radar, because it does nothing to get dangerous drivers off the roads. Photo radar is a revenue generator designed to help ease ICBC's projected $150 million deficit and skyrocketing claim rates. And now it appears that the NDP will soon be shoving no-fault insurance down our throat - which is yet another move to shirk its fiscal responsibility.

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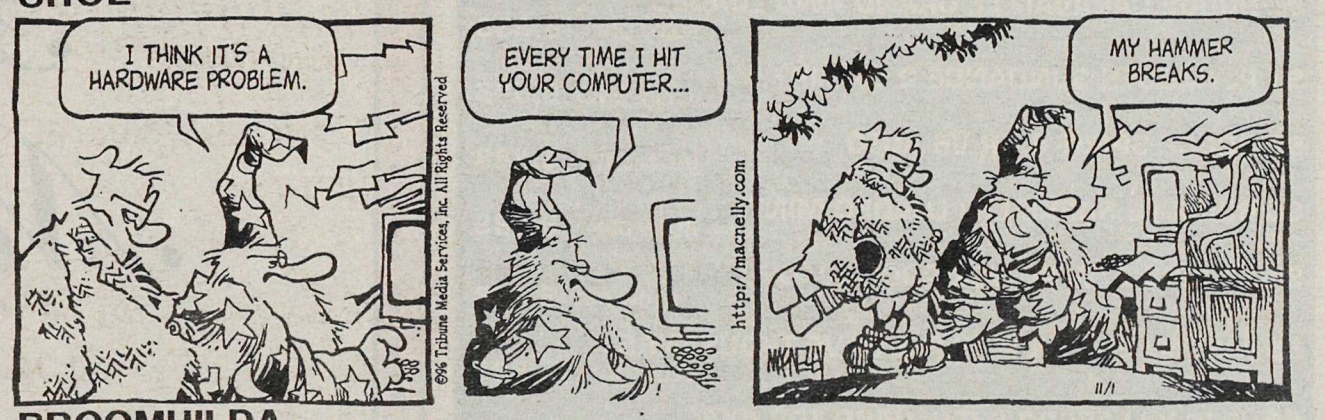

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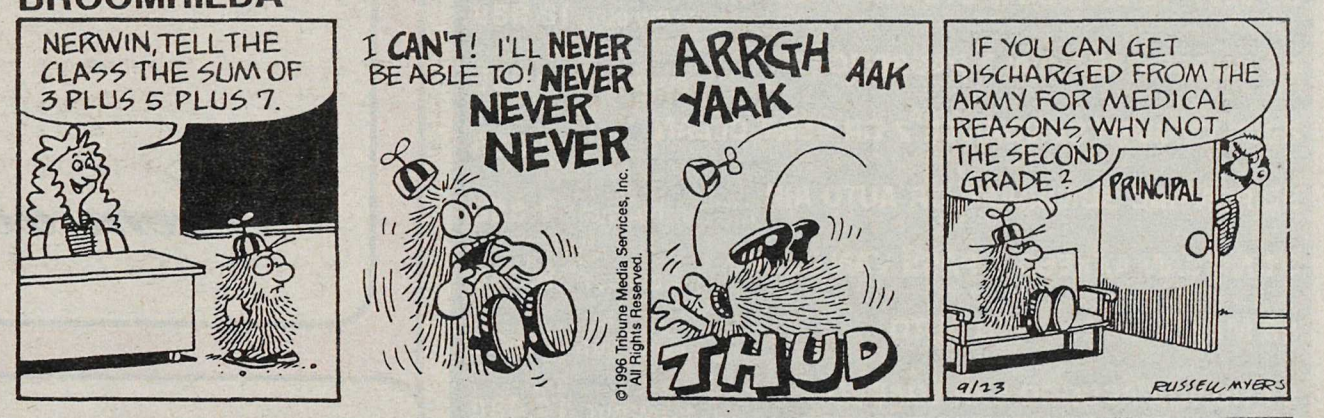

Gloomy outlook: survey

VICTORIA - Small business proprietors in BC predict minimal job growth next year, and most do not expect a stronger economy, according to a poll conducted by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

The survey of the federation's members predicted the creation of 11,000 jobs in BC next year, compared to 160,000 in other provinces across Canada. That represents a job growth in BC of less than one percent.

Only 34 percent of BC firms believe the economy will grow next year, while 44 percent nation-wide agreed. The CFIB's British Columbia executive director, Suromitra Sanatani, said her members linked their gloom to the provincial government's failure to balance the budget and reduce costs.

'It is no coincidence that BC is falling short of its job creation potential," she said.

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Lamont/Spencer admit they did it

ALDERGROVE - The recent admission of guilt by Christine Lamont and David Spencer is considered a positive development in the international case, according to Art Martens, spokesman for Canadians for Justice.

The two Canadians, along with eight nationals from Chile, Argentina and Brazil, were convicted in 1989 by a Brazil court for their parts in the kidnapping of a supermarket tycoon, Albilio Diniz. While Lamont and Spencer have protested their innocence, until two weeks ago, their families and the Canadian government have been negotiating with Brazilian authorities to have their sentences reduced, or to have the two serve the remainder of their 28 year sentences in Canada.

"Their part in it was to rent the house where the victim was kept, in a bunker under the house," said Martens. "I am personally pleased, because it clears the air. A lot (of Canadians) did not believe their innocence, and this has caused problems for the families.

"I think it clears the way to bring them home. They've done seven years (in jail), and that's enough, they've paid the price."

Martens attended a vigil last Wednesday night, along with Christine's parents, Dr. Keith and Marilyn Lamont, where a candle was lit for each Christmas that Christine and David have spent in jail. MP Val Meredith also attended, and was quoted as saying the couple had served long enough, and Meredith was "committed to working for their freedom in the coming year." Letters of support were also received from MP Randy White and MLAs Lynn Stephens and Rich Coleman.

Martens said that while there are influential Brazilians campaigning to keep the convicts behind bars for the full sentences, he believes the public mood there is shifting gradually the other way. The Canadian and Chilean governments have also been applying diplomatic pressure for repatriation of their nationals.

Lamont's parents have apologized to Diniz on their daughter's behalf, and Martens said the case was also treated "favorably" in a recent interview in both the national newspaper and TV. "That's a good sign. The Lamonts are quality people, giving and gracious, we couldn't have better citizens. To see them live with this, not knowing, is very hard."

Police in pursuit of burglars

ABBOTSFORD - When responding to a call of a suspicious circumstance on Windsor Street just before 4 a.m, Wednesday, December 17, a police officer noticed a suspicious vehicle with its lights off and engine running, parked in front of a row of warehouses.

A short time later two suspicious males were observed walking with a flashlight near one of the warehouses. They got into the vehicle and sped away.

Police pursued the vehicle, lost site of it after a short while, and then located it abandoned in a nearby berry field. With assistance from other officers and a police dog, both suspects were quickly apprehended.

In the trunk of the suspect vehicle officers located some computer equipment that had been stolen during a break and enter theft at a warehouse near where the suspects had been seen earlier. The vehicle had been stolen from Surrey on December 9.

Charged with possession of break-in instruments and break and enter are Andras Illes-Toth, 20, and Michael Zane Miner, 21, both of Surrey. Illes-Toth has also been charged with dangerous driving and possession of stolen property over $5,000.

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