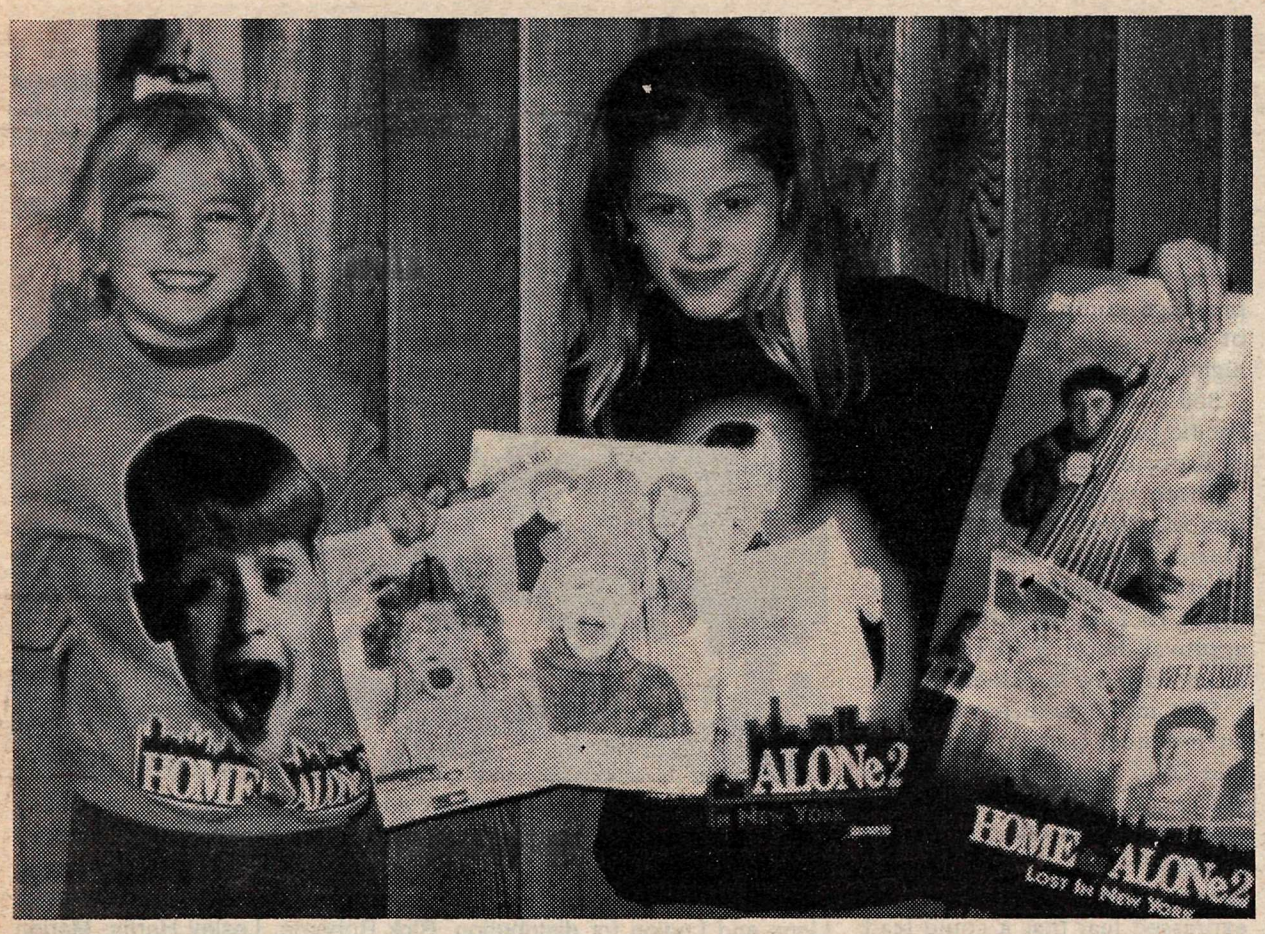

Candace Nimmo, 3, and Amanda Morrison, 10, were first prize winners in the Home Alone 2 coloring contest co-sponsored by The Star and Cineplex Odeon. The duo received Home Alone 2 sweatshirts and movie passes from Clearbrook Cineplex Odeon manager Jim Vanlier, as well as movie poster, button and pizza and pop from Boston Pizza.

Other winners of movie posters, buttons and the Boston Pizza meals were Kim James, Glen Sherk, Dionne Brown, Tammy-Lynn Nimmo, Stephanie Even, Rayyaan Maherali, Cora James, Chris James, Claralana Langmann and Liona Langmann.

-Janet Blair photo

POPULATION TO TRIPLE

BC Tel favors 'no long distance'

MURRAYVILLE - Population of the lower mainland is expected to almost triple within the next 20 years, from the present 1.2-million to 3.4-million, a speaker told councilors here Monday night.

BC Tel's Norm Blain was at council to promote the idea of a toll-free telephone calling area all the way from Abbotsford-Mission in the east to Bowen Island in Howe Sound. He told councilors that BC Tel will be applying to the CRTC within one week for permission to proceed with the plans for doing away with long distance charges within the region.

Blain admitted that the proposal wasn't perfect "by any means," and urged councilors not to support it by any means, but rather to help inform the local public about the ramifications. It would be important to hear input from the public both pro and con, he said, acknowledging that it would "impact on low and fixed income people."

The monthly rates for having a private or business phone would be adjusted upwards if the toll-free area became a reality, in some cases more and in other cases less.

One year ago, telephone subscribers in Aldergrove voted overwhelmingly in favor of having their area included in a toll-free calling zone including part of the Greater Vancouver metropolitan area.

With the expected tremendous population growth in the lower mainland, Blain said, now would be the time to readjust the system.

Councilors did support the concept.

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Reformer tables recall legislation

OTTAWA - Reform party MP Deborah Grey has tabled a private member's bill in parliament dealing with the recall of elected officials.

"It's about time that the members of parliament started representing their constituer ts' interests in Ottawa, rather than Ottawa's interests to their constituencies", said Grey. "They passage of this bill may convince them to do just that."

The bill would allow voters in any federal constituency to recall their member of parliament if a petition signed by at least fifty percent plus one of enumerated voters were successful - a by-election would then be called for that seat.

The bill included a number of checks and balances which would govern the recall's use including: a limit of one recall petition per member for the duration of a parliament; and the investigation by the chief electoral officer of any possible offenses of the act.

Local Reform candidate, Randy White said, "Canadians have the right to expect politicians to be governed by the same rules as its citizens for non-performance. Our party will continue to insist on accountability in our Canadian political system.

Holiday openings

ALDERGROVE - The Star newspaper office will be closed on Thursday, December 24, and, of course on Christmas and New Year's days.

Office will be open from Dec.28 to 30, normal hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's closed, and that's it

MURRAYVILLE - "They (the federal government) don't seem to be cutting costs in Ontario and Quebec," one councilor commented acidly.

Langley township had received a letter from federal Environment Minister Jean Charest explaining that the national historic site at Fort Langley will remain partially closed during winter months.

"I do understand the township's preference for daily operations, and can assure you that my department, too, would like to keep the fort open seven days per week," Charest said. "Nonetheless, Environment Canada's parks service, like other government agencies, must adjust to the realities of operating during a time of continuing budgetary restraint... Towards the goal of year-round, daily operations at Fort Langley, the Canadian Parks Service has initiated a volunteer recruitment drive. It is hoped that, in the future, volunteers, high school student placements and other partners will assist parks staff in providing a level of service that meets the needs of everyone."

Fort will be open Sunday to Thursday during the winter months, and in addition the gates will also remain open Fridays.

Britain not high on immigrants to BC

OTTAWA - According to the latest statistics, Britain is no longer the country from which most of BC's immigrants come.

Last year's statistics said the largest national group in the province was British, followed by immigrants from Hong Kong and China.

However, those figures have changed dramatically, and show that now in the Greater Vancouver area, immigrants from Hong Kong lead the way at 18 percent, followed by Chinese at 14.1 percent, Indians at 9.3 percent and Filipinos at 6.9 percent.

Nationally, however, the British still make up the largest ethnic group of immigrants, although the numbers have dropped from what they were 10 years ago to 20.6 percent.

After the British come the Chinese at 12.8 percent.

There are currently 4.3 million immigrants living in Canada, comprising 16.1 percent of the total population.

The bulk of those immigrants are living in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and BC.

Words ...

MURRAYVILLE - "So much verbiage," says Coun. Aubrey Searle. "Governments talk and talk."

Searle was commenting on a request from the Fraser Valley regional library that February 1 to 7 be declared 'Information Rights' week in Langley. "What does it mean?" he asked.

"I would like to make an inappropriate, smart remark ... but I won't," said Mayor John Beales.

"No, don't," said Coun. Trudi Campen.

Going to be a 'big one'

MURRAYVILLE - The year 1993 is "going to be a big year," says Langley township Mayor John Beales.

Next year will see more development, Beales says, also promising "improvement to roads."

Councilors have been "walking a fine line (between development and retention of the township's agricultural base) in 1992 and done a fairly good job of it," Beales told a council meeting here Monday night. He pointed to an award from the development industry and to accolades from the provincial agricultural land commission as proof of the validity of his pre-New Year statement to his constituents.

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Educated squabble at Langley council

MURRAYVILLE - It's rerun time at Langley municipal council.

A recommendation that runway and parking lights be installed at the local airport once more had councilors grouped into unbalanced coalitions this week.

The mayor had left the room, and Coun. Muriel Arnason was presiding.

On one side it was avowed anti-airport crusader Coun. Aubrey Searle tacitly supported by the acting mayor, and, on the other side, the rest of council.

Searle again tried to shoot the proposed improvements down in flames, once more invoking the specter of a possible future Fraser Valley University rising like a phoenix out of the airport runway. Three other councilors present were clearly annoyed but listened with good humor.

Coun. John Scholtens gave voice to the irritation when he said, "There has been a change of government (in Victoria) and if you asked them about a university in the Fraser Valley the response would be: 'Where is the Fraser Valley, and what university?' What is this hoopla every time the airport comes up? It is not that it is a large airport from where you fly to Hawaii. If ever an airport has been studied to death it is this small airport. We have seen the airport literally die because of two councilors." (Several businesses have moved out of the airport because of conceived non-cooperation from local government.)

Scholtens and fellow councilor Steve Ferguson pointed out that the $400,000 project would only go ahead if senior government were to commit itself to a $285,000 funding contribution. And the runway lighting would only increase operation of the airport by about five hours into the early evening hours.

Searle tried again. "I think we have gone insane, stark raving mad," he claimed. "Why is it that this (lighting) is so important?" It could still be that some time in the distant future a university could be built on the airport lands, he contended.

After the speakers had burned themselves out, the side of majority voted to consider the project in their $100-million-plus budget deliberations in January.

Searle sighed, and the mayor returned.

Silent Night

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Big Brother knows

MURRAYVILLE - A majority of council members here say that 'big brother' knows best.

They have agreed to let the province dump a large amount of dirt - originally said to be highly contaminated - in Langley.

Soil comes from the Concorde Pacific property at the shoreline of Vancouver's False Creek.

Three councilors, Steve Ferguson, John Scholtens and Muriel Arnason tried to get a meeting scheduled for public input in Langley prior to the approval, but this approach was voted down by the other four.

"We must have trust in the environment (ministry) people," said Coun. Trudi Campen. "There is a limit to public involvement."

Soil will be dumped at the 200 Street - Highway 1 overpass. Originally, the local councilors expressed fear that it could lead to contamination of Langley's groundwater supply.

Council's approval has one proviso: that there be a 'pre- and post-monitoring of the sediment and that safeguards are in place in accordance with the new BC Environment Ministry Urban Runoff Quality Control Guidelines for BC, dated June 1992.

Recycling to cease

MURRAYVILLE - Councilors here have turned down a request for financial assistance from the Aldergrove Elks.

The Aldergrove charity had sought council's help in continuing their paper recycling service. They have been collecting an average of 40 tonnes of newsprint a month, but the collection depot behind the Elks hall and the Aldergrove Center mall has had its share of problems. On several occasions, young punks have set fire to the bins and large amounts of paper has been scattered all over the parking lot, soaked by the rain or blowing here and there with the wind.

Coun. John Scholtens favored assistance. "Pound for pound it is the best deal we have ever seen (in paper recycling)," he said this week.

Other councilors and municipal officials, however, were not happy about the operation. It should be shut down, they said, because of the amount of vandalism that has taken place.

"If every business in Aldergrove that has been subjected to vandalism should be shut down," Scholtens responded, "then we might as well shut down the town."

Municipal officials have for some time been talking about setting up stations of their own to collect cardboard and newsprint. "But is will have to be manned sites," one official said.

At present, residents can have their discarded newspapers picked up once a week if they leave them in the blue boxes at the curb. But there is no pickup for people or businesses in the urban areas of the township.

The Aldergrove liquor store staff provided 96 plush bears for the needy this Christmas through their unique adoption program, whereby customers bought a $10 bear for themselves and for each bear sold, one was provided free to groups like the Christmas Bureau, Aldergrove Lions and Legion for distribution. Rick Roberge, Lesley Harris, Marion Chandler and Marv Worthington gathered thankful handfuls of the bears, which sold out twice this year. -Kurt Langmann photo

Cuts just 'smoke and mirrors'

VICTORIA - Liberal finance critic Fred Gingell describes the latest round of cost saving measures announced by the provincial government as nothing more than smoke and mirrors.

"The $250-million in savings announced so far is nothing more than a drop in the bucket for a government that is facing a deficit of $2.8-billion," said Gingell. "A lot of these savings are not really savings at all, but simply adjustments and deferrals that the government will have to deal with at a later date."

Gingell noted that the government has cut back on health care and legal aid by a total of $50-million yet it finds plenty of money to hire its friends and insiders as consultants or appoint them to various boards and commissions. "Those people who can least afford it, the poor and the sick, feel the brunt of these cutbacks while the NDP's friends from all across the country line up at the public trough at taxpayers' expense."

In the cutbacks announced Dec. 9, Gingell said a portion of these savings do not result from any government action at all. For example, he points out that the $30-million dollar saving in education simply results from a head count in schools and the government not spending as much money as it originally forecast.

Gingell believes that the Harcourt government is in such serious financial trouble and so desperate for funds that British Columbians will likely face further tax increases next spring.

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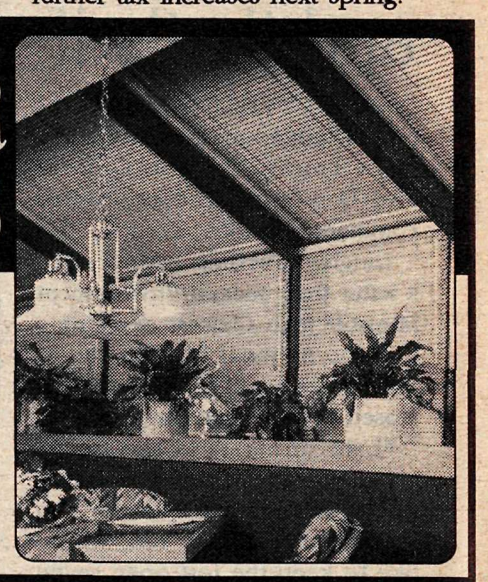

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Construction begins on the new Langley Senior Resources Society building at 51B Avenue and 206 Street. Fundraising continues for the large project, but work began recently, thanks to good weather and interim financing from First Heritage Savings Credit Union.

The site ceremony was held Thursday, Dec. 17, as members of the LSRS board, First Heritage and government were on hand to officially start the long-awaited project. -Kurt Langmann photo

Center now well on its way

LANGLEY - The new Seniors' Resource Centre will be a reality by next winter, thanks to a lot of goodwill and faith on the part of the communities of Langley city and township.

LSRS exec-director Sharon Birnie

The board is still actively fundraising for the $2.8-million project, but have been able to start it thanks to interim financing provided by First Heritage Savings Credit Union.

The land site at 51B Avenue and 206 Street was donated by the city, and the township recently added $50,000 to the pot. Former MLA Carol Gran also secured a Go BC grant before the demise of the provincial program and these funds are available as are numerous donations from the community at large.

The 16,800 square foot building will be L-shaped, with a grey stained cedar exterior and green metal roof. Patios and a paved parking lot will surround the structure, which has views of the Nicomekl River and the extensive flood plain.

It will be fully accesible for handicapped persons, and wide, automatic sliding doors will make eantrance easy for all. Lighting will be enhanced by large skylights and bay windows. Railings and functional carpeting will help the visually impaired and elderly to move about the building safely.

The large dining area will serve some 150 meals daily, and the kitchen will prepare another 100 meals for Meals on Wheels.

The main hall will be multi-purpose. During the day it will be used for carpet bowling,

'Happening', page 5

LSRS chairman Tom Douglas

Councilors argue land use ... or preservation

MURRAYVILLE - Langley township will be sending its economic development manager to the 8th annual National Farmers Direct Marketing Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon from January 28 to 30.

Manager will be asked to submit a report upon his return to Langley.

"I am looking forward to a very good report," says Coun. John Scholtens, who regularly is telling his fellow councilors that it doesn't pay to farm in the Fraser Valley and that in many cases it would be better to subdivide the land for residential use.

On the other hand, Scholtens doesn't favor too high population density either. Speaking to a report that favors rezoning in the Murrayville area, he has this to say: "Let us not ruin Murrayville by densifying it too much." The central core of the township already has the highest property values in the municipality, he adds.

Mayor John Beales says the provincial agricultural land commission "has done a tremendous amount of good" but that it also has its flip side. Ever since the commission was introduced almost two decades ago, he says, it has contributed to an inflation in raw land prices for residential and commercial development. "It has almost made it impossible for people to buy."

"It's easy to dump on the ALR," says Coun. Aubrey Searle.

But Beales says he would like to see an inventory of true agricultural land in Langley township. Such an inventory has never been prepared, he adds, and "there are hundreds and hundreds of acres out there (in the agricultural land reserve) that never could be farmed, but could be subdivided."

'Don't know,' says govt.

VICTORIA - The New Democrat government has denied any knowledge of a report indicating its tax and labor policies hamper B.C.'s economic competitiveness.

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ON THE FRONT LINES

Merry Christmas! and obscenities

By KURT LANGMANN

Christmas time is a time to offer my thanks to all our treasured readers. Your interest in our small, family-operated business is heartening, and frankly, without you, there'd be no point in it.

This marks my twentieth Christmas at The Star, and while the years have had their ups and downs, I've not a single regret. The good heavily outweighs the negative aspects and I hope there's many more good years and memories to come for all of us.

But with all the glad greetings and bouquets I'm sending out, there's one fellow in the area who deserves to find lumps of coal in his stockings come Christmas morning. His family name is unknown, for reasons you'll discover, but there's another name for him. Actually, I have a long list of names for him, but for the sake of this story let's just call him Mr. Zero.

Not very long ago, this Mr. Zero his wife and young daughter patronized a local public facility. My son works part-time there to help pay his way through SFU, and paid no particular mind to the family at first.

My son's job is to monitor and protect those who patronize the facility, and as a low man on the totem pole had been charged with such duties as tossing out a peeping tom who hid under the bench in the women's change room. No big deal; my son thought it kind of funny, in a pathetic sort of way. An educational experience, as it were.

It's a good job and almost all the customers are a pleasure to deal with. But none of this compares to Mr. Zero's story.

You see, Mr. Zero and wife, a timid little creature I'll call Minnie, were sitting in the hot tub. Minnie had the audacity to look up from the water, and Mr. Zero took this as a direct affront to their solemn vows of marriage. He rebuked her for "looking at another man" -- as though it was possible to avoid doing so in a public facility -- struck her, and hauled her and daughter off to the family changeroom.

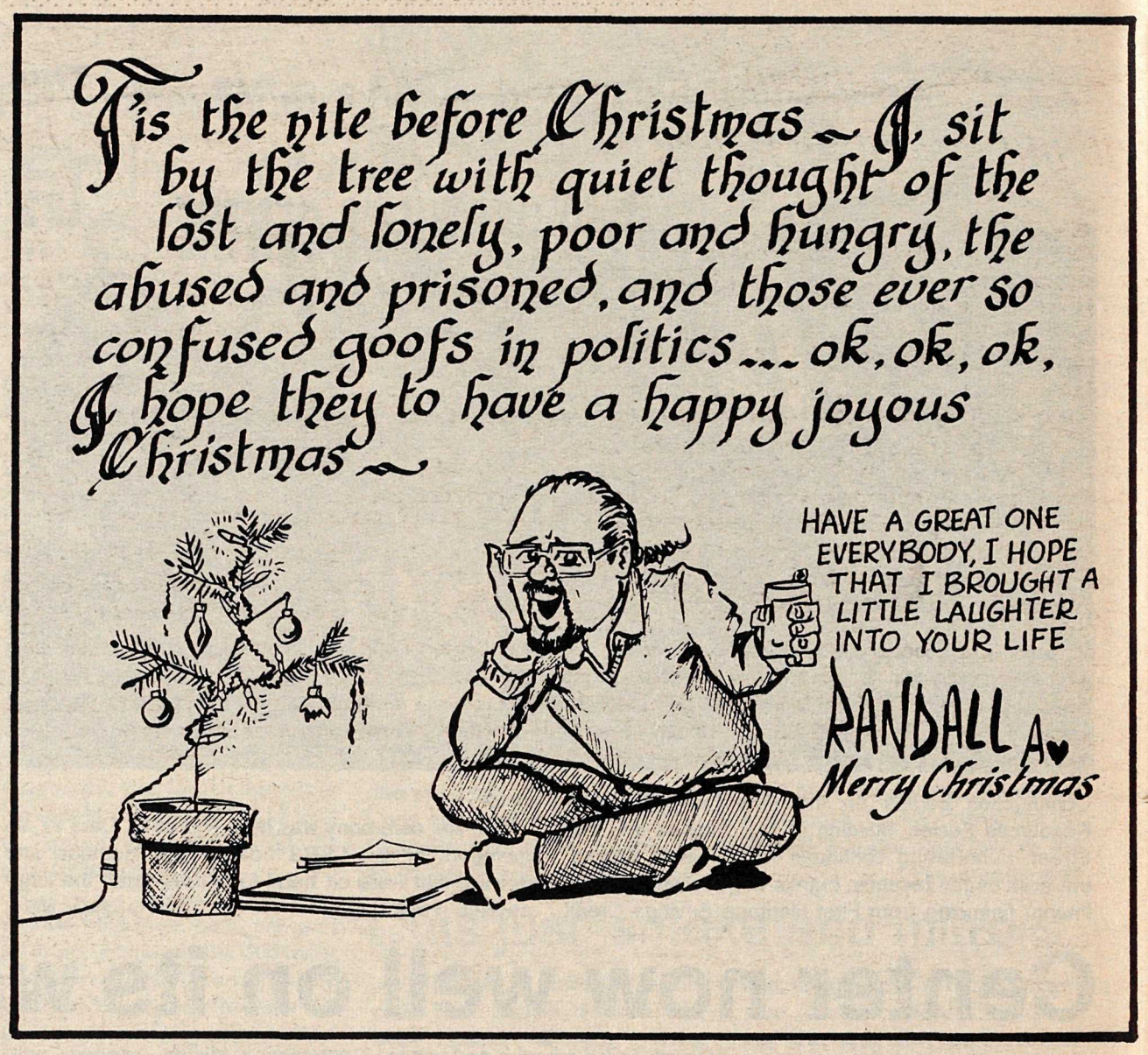
Staff heard a considerable commotion emanating from the room and called RCMP.

A short time later, the family emerges. Minnie doesn't look so good; she's bloody and bruised. And totally humiliated. The daughter is dutifully quiet.

Minnie tells the attending constable that she has no complaint. Must have slipped and fallen, you know? Everyone knows different, but she won't press charges so the officer has no choice but to leave empty-handed.

No disrespect to the officer; it must be a frustrating job. Perhaps a rap on Kim Campbell's knuckles for the lack-of-justice in this country. Still, the way I see it, my son -- and everyone else present -- experienced firsthand the feeling of powerlessness this woman must have felt, and probably new respect for that old saw about the law being an ass.

I've never met Minnie; I don't even know what she looks like. But I'd like to wish her a merry Christmas and offer the hope that 1993 is better than '92.



Letters invited

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't tax information

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Thousands of Canadians, including many of your readers, have written to federal Finance Minister Don Mazankowski asking that the government remove the GST from reading materials and received a form letter in reply.

In this letter, Mazankowski tells Canadians that "the traditional (federal tax) rate on reading is not zero," and claims that publishers paid the old Manufacturer's Sales Tax on a large number of items, including paper.

Reading material was exempt from the MST at every stage of production, including the purchase of paper.

A study conducted by Woods Gordon in 1988-89 found that the "accidental" MST paid by publishers amounted only to 0.9 to 1.5 percent. The finance department's Economic Analysis Unit reached the same conclusion, as did former finance minister Michael Wilson.

The GST Consumer Information Office at Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada concluded last year that this very low level of "accidental" tax was not a significant factor in the price of reading material, and that the GST is therefore a brand new tax on reading.

Either the minister is genuinely unaware of the facts regarding the old tax, or the finance department is consciously distorting the facts because they cannot otherwise defend this government's actions in introducing the first federal tax in Canadian history to apply to reading material.

The GST is the first federal tax ever to be collected on books, magazines and newspapers. In its first year, the GST caused Canadian sales of books to drop 10 percent, sales of magazines to drop 15 percent, and the largest drop in Canadian newspaper circulation in fifty years. The freefall continues in 1992. During the last recession and in the early pre-GST months of the current recession, sales of all reading material increased.

We agree with the government's stated goals of improving Canadian education, increasing literacy levels, encouraging communication between Canadians and strengthening our shared culture. The prime minister took a stand in October 1990 when he promised to carefully review the tax on reading material after one year. It is essential that that review be undertaken immediately, and that reading material be zero rated under the GST.

JACQUELINE HUSHION
The Don't Tax Reading Coalition

Making beautiful music together

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Best wishes for a good year in 1993 and many thanks to the Aldergrove Star for helping to publicize our new Langley Community Chorus. We had a good response to our first concert on December 5 and we are looking forward to lots of great singing, under excellent leadership, in our 1993 program.

Our regular Thursday evening rehearsals in the New Year will start on January 7, 7:30 p.m. at Brookswood Secondary School music room. We are eager to increase our numbers, so singers in all voice parts, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses will be most welcome to come out and help us to make beautiful music together.

R.S. McCREARY
for Langley Community Chorus

Equality, socialist style

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Perceptive readers will have noticed that whenever someone speaks in defence of traditional moral values the reply from NDP and like minded spokes persons is that these people are out of step with reality - they are dinosaurs. M.P. Benno Friesen was labelled so, when as a member of the Tory "Family Caucus" he defended the traditional family. The term dinosaur has been used several times by Svend Robinson as he slams those who oppose his objective to obtain "marriage" status for lesbians and homosexuals. NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin recently labeled the Conservative delegates in Alberta as having an 'out of touch mentality', for not electing a woman as Alberta premier. That the process was as open and democratic as one can get, was not decisive. The fact that a woman candidate lost to a man (in an honest fair leadership election) was NDP proof that those who did it were living in the past - dinosaurs.

It seems that only the attainment of NDP goals (forced gender equity) is what matters. Equity, NDP style, is only achieved if their goal to obtain positions for feminist at any price is enhanced. However, if equity in the work place is applied (as in the case of Inco workers in Sudbury being offered alternative employment), then the National Action Committee on the Status of Women bitterly complains that: "Inco is condemning these women to the mines, and that is not the job they came to that company to do". An intriguing double standard is championed NDP "employment equity" concept.

Instead of recognizing the traditional principles that equity can only work if the 'diversity in talent and physical ability' between male and female is taken into account, NDP and their supporters cry foul whenever it suits their fancy. This week the B.C. NDP government affirmed its bias once again by giving a $10,000 grant to the Lower Mainland Lesbian and Gay Benefits Society. All in the name of equity. As a CHP candidate I support my party's position that all single interest groups should have their taxpayers' support reduced to zero. This transition, from being dependent on government handouts to proven viability by securing public support, should be achieved over a four year period. This will cushion the blow and minimize job loss. I assure you that those groups worthy of public support will get it, especially if proper tax deductible credits were allowed. Groups like the C.K.N.W. Orphan's fund and the Red Shield Appeal need not worry. I venture to predict that the Lesbian and Gay Benefits Society would be among the first to disappear. Let Canadians decide who deserves support, not NDP morals rammed down our throat at taxpayers' expense. That would be real equity. What the NDP calls equity is not worth a plugged Inco nickel, all it does is get us further in debt, both fiscally and morally.

E. VANWOUDENBERG

Appalling!

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Reducing the national debt by stealing from the unemployed is appalling.

The Liberal and Conservative governments created the $450-billion federal debt with their high interest rate, high unemployment, and tax break policies for profitable corporations. The new mini-budget does not create jobs, does not tax large profitable corporations who pay no taxes, and does not address the high interest rate.

GLADYS BROWN
Sardis

Aldergrove Secondary School raised over $1,200 and numerous gifts for Christmas Hampers for the needy this year. The students who delivered the goods, Friday, are (left) Scott Dixon, teacher Marianne Crossen, Heather Miller, Kimberly Knapp, Buffy Brewer and Angie Griffin. Miller and Griffin were the head organizers of the drive, and they thank all the school's students for their support, and wish all a very merry Christmas. -Kurt Langmann photo

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Happy trails

MURRAYVILLE - A proposed trail system in the southwest corner of the municipality drew lots of "concerns" from a group of petitioners in the area recently.

This week a local resident, John Standish brought the concerns before councilors. Environmental impact, possible flooding and drainage difficulties, hazard to fish habitation, loss of privacy for humans, parking obstacles and "aggravation to security" were but some of the problems listed by Standish.

Criticizing the proposed trail system as "not up to snuff," Standish urged councilors "not to approve anything the way it is."

Coun. Steve Ferguson said the delegate had "jumped the gun," and that public hearings in the area would be held before the township would go ahead with the recreation department's planned project.

Standish was advised to have on-going consultations with the department to make sure that the plans would be acceptable to the neighborhood.

Improving the economy?

OTTAWA - After one year of studying the "prosperity initiative", the Tory government has released its blueprint for improving the national economy.

The report says the Canadian business community is worried about the economy and unwilling to invest capital to create jobs.

The action plan recommended by the committee will be along the line of cutting deficits and government bureaucracy.

Committee claims that by cutting in these areas, there will be more support for the unemployed through training programs and an improved education system.

Trade Minister Michael Wilson says Canadians recognize the changing world that they are living and working in, and that he believes the country will be ready for the initiatives in the strategy.

Liberal MP Herb Gray says there is nothing new in the proposals.

And the Canadian Labour Congress says the initiative is a $10-million waste of taxpayers' money that deserves to go straight to the dustbin.

It's happening

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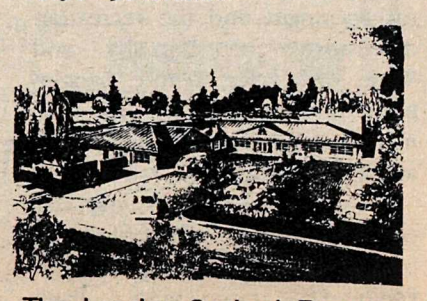
exercise sessions, dancing and other activities. At night and on weekends it will become a meeting place available for rent to community organizations. Lounges will have a comfortable homelike atmosphere.

Langley MLA Lynn Stephens

The centre will also provide rental space for a number of agencies providing services to the community, such as is provided at the current, but cramped LSRS space at suite 108 - 20256 - 56 Avenue.



The Langley Seniors' Resource Centre, as designed by architect Chip Barrett, will be an L-shaped, 16,800 square foot building.

The centre has broad support in the community, with honourary patrons such as John Beales, Doris Blair, Bill Poppy, Mohinder Bhogal, Robert Thompson and many others leading the way. They invite everyone in the area to join them as a patron or a sponsor, to ensure the dream becomes a reality.

Their current promotion is to sell "centre blocks" at $50 each. These tax-deductible gifts, of any denomination, can be made in honour or in memory of someone dear to the donor, and will be acknowledged with plaques inside the completed building.

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New organizer sees great challenge ahead

ALDERGROVE - Ed Millman is looking forward to making things go better for local teens this coming year. He recently took over as program coordinator for the Aldergrove Boys' and Girls' Club, an organization mandated by the township of Langley to provide a wide range of leisure activities for youth here aged 13 to 18.

Many of these activities are scheduled for the Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Centre, as well as the special events that take teens out of the community. Other programs use the local school facilities, and some are held at the club office on Fraser Highway.

Millman said his first challenge will be bringing volunteers on board to enlarge the range of programs offered. This would help open up the club office more hours, and while volunteers must be 19 or over, there is lots of need for support volunteers under 19 years, too.

Millman, originally from Kelowna, graduated from the Langara College recreational leadership program in '91. He married and the couple decided to stay on the coast. He's worked for Sportmart and the recreation departments at Burnaby and West Vancouver, before Langley hired him on Dec. 1. The Millmans moved to the Langley area at the same time.

He works with his Langley city counterpart, Kathy Chapplow, to bring sensible activities to area youth. "The more help I have makes it a better learning experience for the kids because we can work with smaller groups. The adult volunteers get the opportunity to see that the youths are not all losers, there's some great kids in this community, and in this club."

The club office, at suite 204 - 27115 Fraser Highway, hosts the Youth Impact Club drop-in nights on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. There are Nintendo games, a pool and table tennis table and the opportunity to socialize. Then on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m., it hosts Teen Creed...It's Life, which is a chance to talk and listen to each other. On Tuesdays, from 4 to 5 p.m., it offers babysitter training, and on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., there's Youth Leaders, a club that offers the best of youth counsel and leadership.

Ed Millman is the new program director for the Aldergrove Boys' and Girls' Club. -Kurt Langmann photo

On Mondays from 8 to 9:30 p.m., there's badminton at the Shortreed Elementary gym. On Tuesdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m., there's floor hockey for 16 to 18 year olds at Aldergrove Elementary's gym. On Wednesdays there's the choice of indoor soccer from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at Shortreed or square dancing from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Parkside Elementary. On Thursdays, Aldergrove Elementary is the place for floor hockey for 13 to 15 year olds from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and basketball from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday night is Hart's Video movie night from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Kinsmen community centre. Friends get together to watch new releases and top 100 movies.

Memberships, at $10 per year, are only required if people wish to participate on a regular basis, and the babysitting training will certify students at a cost of $15 non-member or $10 member. Otherwise, these activities are free and anyone can join an activity to find out what they would like to participate in on a regular basis. These programs begin on January 11 and the winter sessions run to March 12.

Other special events are planned in the new year. It begins with a Mount Baker ski trip on January 22. Costs are $20 for day pass, $25 for rentals, $1.50 for group insurance, and pickup time is 7 a.m. at the club.

On January 30, youths leave the club at 6 p.m. for an evening at Wonderland, and return at 10 p.m. Cost is approximately $15.

Then on February 7, they go luging at Cypress Mountain. Cost is $13, and departure time is 11 a.m. with return at 5 p.m.

On February 19, there's a trip to Victoria. Cost is $15 plus dinner money and all are to bring a packed lunch. Departure is 6:45 a.m. at the club and return is 8 p.m.

Details will become available soon for the February 20-21 leadership planning weekend.

Lastly, there's 11 spaces available for a March 6-7 trip to Bowen Island. A $10 deposit is required for reservation, and cost is $25 for members or $30 for non-members. Times are 4 p.m. at the club and return at 8 p.m. next day.

There are also plans to upgrade facilities at the Kinsmen community centre, as outlined in last week's edition of The Star. This development will depend on public involvement, too.

If any of this sounds good to you, the number to call is 856-0191. Ed Millman is waiting to hear from local youths as well as the adults who want to get involved in positive programs for teens in our community.

Aldergrove Blue Rodeo under-11 girls' soccer team received new jackets this week from new sponsor, Aldergrove McDonald's. Team coaches Joy Bruce and Lori Stagg also thanked Blair Sportswear for their assistance with the jackets, and Otter Co-op for a $300 contribution to the Aldergrove Soccer League. The 18 girls on the team have been together since age eight, making this their third season of travelling soccer action. -Kurt Langmann photo

Become a volunteer, now!

By ED MILLMAN

ALDERGROVE - Take an active role in your community and become a volunteer! The opportunity is here and now for you to share your personal skills, experiences and your personality with the youth in Aldergrove. Everyone has something to offer, do not sell yourself short!

Currently the Aldergrove Boys' and Girls' Club is looking for volunteer leaders to run the following programs: Badminton on Monday nights 8:00-9:30 p.m., Indoor Soccer Wednesday nights 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. and Basketball on Thursday nights 8:00-9:30 p.m. In addition to these programs the club is trying to find people to lead activities such as: Jewelry Making, Pottery, Tae Kwon Do, Theater Sports and Job Skills Orientation.

Program leaders must be 19 years of age or older. Anyone younger than 19 is still very much welcome and can assist in a supportive role.

All above programs are run by the Boys' and Girls' Club of Aldergrove. If you have any questions or any new program ideas that you would like to share do not hesitate to call Ed Millman, program co-ordinator, at 856-0191.

UCFV women definitely a force

ABBOTSFORD - UCFV women's basketball team is on a roll; this week's hapless opponent was Edmonds Community College of Washington. The game was no contest for the Cascade women, with the score being 19-5 after 10 minutes, and 44-33 at half time. Forward Sue Parke (Campbell River), and post Denise Rehman (Victoria) controlled the boards as well as the scoring for the UCFV squad, scoring 22 and 18 points respectively. Cascade Shannon Matter (Quesnel) was also in double figures with 10 points. Top scorer for Edmonds was Jodi Taylor with 12 points. Final score UCFV 87-49 Edmonds.

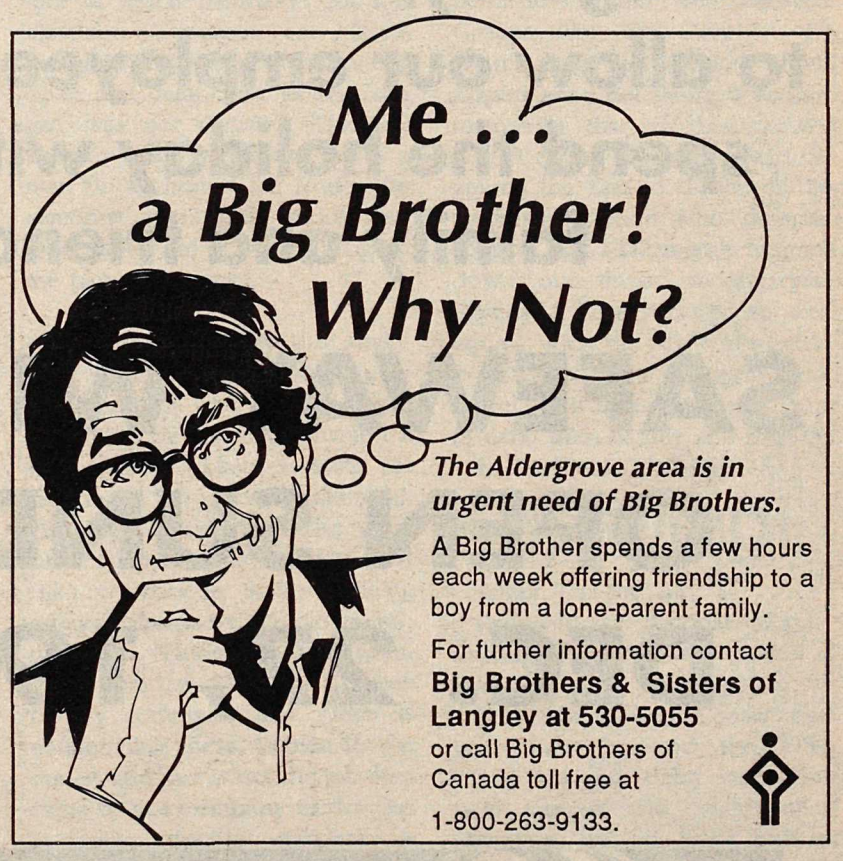
After Christmas break UCFV women are back in action against Mt. Royal College (Calgary) on December 30 at 6 p.m. Game is at Clearbrook Community Centre.

Midgets sponsor New Years dance

ALDERGROVE - The Midget A hockey team is sponsoring the local Minor Hockey Association's New Year's Eve dance at the Kinsmen Community Centre.

Tickets are now on sale to the public at $30 each or $55 couple. It includes buffet dinner and doors open at 8 p.m.

To reserve tickets call 856-5046 or 534-7327.



The Aldergrove area is in urgent need of Big Brothers.

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The Aldergrove Pee Wee B team welcomes the Hourglass Restaurant Ltd., 27083 Fraser Hwy., as their team sponsor. The team would like to thank them for their support, and send best wishes for a merry Christmas and a bright and happy new year to all.

The team is: (back row, left to right) Dan Dupuis (Ass't coach), Darren Caldwell, Ryan Jones, Ryan McAdams, Derrick Vanderburch, Glen Shipley (coach), (middle row, left to right) Cliff Carlsen, Wes Schwartz, Jason Ballantyne, Mark Stockbrocks, Matt Holmes, Steven Nicola, John Jones (Ass't coach), (front row, left to right) Gerry Tucker, Kevin Garry, Elliott Page, Delayne Dupuis, Adam Johannesson, John Enns.

Hourglass peewees run out of time

ALDERGROVE - On a wet Sunday Dec. 13 Aldergrove Hourglass Pee Wee B's travelled to Coquitlam for a contest vs. Coquitlam Hawks.

The Hawks came on really strong with 3 quick goals against Aldergrove. By the end of the 1st period the score was a surprising 5-3 for Coquitlam, with goals scored by Ryan McAdams from Cliff Carlsen, Mark Stockbrocks from Steve Nicola, Jason Ballantyne from Delayne Dupuis and Stockbrocks.

The 'Grove squad tallied a fourth goal in the second period by Delayne Dupuis from Ryan Jones and Ballantyne.

Third period saw Ballantyne tie it up assisted by Dupuis, but the Hawks quickly scored the winning goal.

Despite goalie John Enns making 20 stops, The 'Grove team, out of time, had to go home defeated with a 6-5 loss.

But manage win

On Monday, Dec. 14 Pee wee B's hosted Seafair B. Ballantyne lit up the scoreboard assisted by Stockbrocks; Elliott Page rippled the mesh with help from Stockbrocks and Carlsen.

Second period saw Ballantyne score assisted by Derrick Vanderburch when finally Seafair replied. Very shortly after Cliff Carlsen assisted by Stockbrocks and Nicola, tallied a marker. Again Seafair got one past goaltender Gerry Tucker.

'Grove added 3 more in the 3rd period - Carlsen from McAdams and Stockbrocks, Adam Johannesson from Page, Dupuis from Jones and Ballantyne.

Net minder Gerry Tucker stopped 9 shots.

Nice to see players developing self discipline. Great improvement over the last time these two teams recorded penalties. Good sportsmanship! Final score 'Grove 7 - Seafair 2.

Sun. Dec. 20 the team travelled to Mission. Aldergrove netminders John Enns and Gerry Tucker made 24 saves.

No goals scored in first period, but in the second period Ballantyne found the spot assisted by Carlsen and Jones, followed by Matt Holmes unassisted.

Third period completed Ballantyne's hat trick with 1 from Carlsen and 1 unassisted.

Mission finally lit up the scoreboard in the 3rd period, putting the final score at 4-1 for 'Grove.

The boys will be participating in the Grandview 15th annual Mel Allen Christmas Pee Wee Tournament over the holidays. The closely matched competition should provide some very exciting hockey. Good luck!

Hargreaves lucky winner of 'Dream van'

LANGLEY - Damon Hargreaves of Langley was the big winner of the seventh annual Dream Van raffle held by the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society of B.C. He collected his prize of a 1992 Chevrolet van with his ticket number 116500.

Elks also congratulated other winners in the draws. Alfred Dilts of Cranbrook won the $2,000 cash, Satnam Gill of Surrey won $1,000 cash and Doris Paul of White Rock won the $500 cash prize. Early bird draw winners of $500 each included Lorraine Wright of Squamish, Lill McAstocker of Revelstoke and Win van Campen of Nanaimo.

People should eat more bread

TORONTO - Plug in your toasters and bring out your breadboards.

The new version of Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating, just released after 10 years of research, recommends that we double our daily intake of bread and other grain products from three to five servings to five to 12 servings.

"We have been waiting for this day for a long time," says Bakery Council of Canada president Linda Nagel.

"Nutritionists and other health professionals have long recognized the nutritional value of bread and bread products. Hopefully, the new food guide will put an end to the general public's broadly - and wrongly - held belief that bread is fattening."

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Bob Lindahl of the municipal parks board received a $20,000 cheque towards the children's jetted water spray pool at Parkside Park last week. Currently still under construction, the pool will be officially dedicated in May, when it opens to the delighted children of the community.

The $20,000 donation, about half the cost of the pool, was raised by the Aldergrove Swim Pool Parents' Group, the Order of the Royal Purple and Aldergrove Elks Lodge. The balance was provided by the township of Langley.

More than 6,000 protest new provincial tax

VANCOUVER - The B.C. Automobile Association says more than 6,180 citizens have already signed a petition protesting the proposed provincial tax on motorists to pay BC Transit's deficit.

The Vancouver Regional Transit Commission has proposed a $48 annual levy on each driver. B.C. motorists currently contribute $320-million per year through provincial gas tax, and additionally, lower mainland motorists pay three cents per litre transit tax on gasoline.

"The proposed envirotax won't improve transit service or make transit more accessible. It would only attempt to pay off the existing deficit," said BCAA spokesperson Leigh Carter.

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Jodi Nelson, Gillian Lavender, Kristen Quinlan as Santa Claus and Super Valu manager Bob Wylie were busy at the SPCA's information table in the Aldergrove Mall, Saturday. -Tim Attwood photo

Mini soccer stars under the dome

VANCOUVER - An annual tradition during the Christmas holidays for little soccer players is the Canada Safeway Mini Soccer Festival at B.C. Place Stadium.

1500 boys and girls, aged four through nine, will enjoy the thrill of playing on the artificial turf inside B.C. Place Stadium at this year's 7th annual Canada Safeway Mini Soccer Festival, December 26-29, including Aldergrove's Parkside Piranhas.

Comprising some 250 mini games, the festival is designed to showcase the advantages of mini-soccer and to provide an exciting and unforgettable experience for the 125 participating teams and their 400 coaches and managers. The turf at the stadium will be divided into five "mini" fields, and games will be played nonstop each day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Mini-soccer is a scaled-down version of the game, played six-a-side with a smaller ball, and smaller goals on a smaller field. The emphasis is not on winning, but on fair play and having fun. Mini soccer allows young players more contact with the ball and greater participation throughout the game, resulting in substantial improvement of their playing skills. This in turn increases their love and enjoyment of the game.

A special mini-soccer coaching clinic will be held for all mini-soccer coaches, managers and parents prior to the start of the festival on Saturday, December 26 at 10 a.m. The clinic will be conducted by B.C. Soccer Association technical director, Alan Churchard, and provincial team coaching staff. The clinic is free and open to the public.

Canada Safeway has made it financially possible for the B.C. Youth Soccer Association to organize the Canada Safeway Mini-Soccer Festival since its inception in 1987. Canada Safeway is also the corporate underwriter of other BCYSA programs including the Canada Safeway Provincial Cup Series.

Admission to B.C. Place Stadium is free to spectators through the Terry Fox Plaza entrance at Gate A.

Falcon Rich takes close one in Mr. Vancouver

CLOVERDALE - Falcon Rich, with Sten Ericsson at the controls, held off the late challenge of Trump Parc to capture the $29,400 final of the Mr. Vancouver Sunday at Cloverdale Raceway. Null and Void finished third in the mile pace for 4 year old colts and geldings.

The race was originally scheduled for Saturday, but had to be moved to a non-betting event after Sunday's races when a huge snowstorm blanketed the Lower Mainland forcing the cancellation of Saturday's card.

Already a winner of 8 previous races this year, Falcon Rich raced best on the lead but in the Mr. Vancouver this was going to be more difficult as he had to start from post 7. Undaunted by the outside, Ericsson gunned his horse to the lead off the start and after an eighth of a mile on the outside of C. Leceddy was able to take command of the race.

The pace of the race was a brisk one, but there were no challengers for Falcon Rich until the field swung into the stretch. At this point Falcon Rich was tiring from his earlier efforts and only hung on for the win after constant urging from Ericsson.

Trump Parc and driver Carl Sibiga saw their chances for victory compromised when they were forced to go four wide in the stretch drive and came up a head short at the wire. Time for the mile over the sloppy track was 205.2, slowest mile paced in the Mr. Vancouver since the race was first contested in 1985.

Track Chatter: There will be no racing this Wednesday Dec. 23. Racing resumes on Boxing Day with an afternoon card. The annual Boxing Day Sale will highlight the afternoon card with up to 50% off items such as Admission, Programs, Racing Guides, Parking, and Doc's Picks. As well there will be special prices on selected concession items. Saturday's card is the first of three consecutive afternoon cards, with races also on Sunday and Monday afternoons. First parade to the post for all three days will be 1:05.

Laws must be sharpened, British Columbians say

VANCOUVER - A September 1992 survey on Smoking in Canada, conducted on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health, revealed that 93 percent of those polled in B.C. oppose selling cigarettes to minors.

The survey also demonstrated that most people felt current federal law banning such sales is ineffective. B.C. residents prefer a photo ID system, followed by fining stores and establishing a system of tobacco retail licenses to prevent tobacco sales to minors. There is equal interest both in an inspection system and in revoking the licenses of stores that break the law.

In B.C., the survey indicated that parents are primarily responsible for preventing tobacco sales to minors (71 percent), followed by stores (63 percent), governments (43 percent) and cigarette manufacturers (30 percent).

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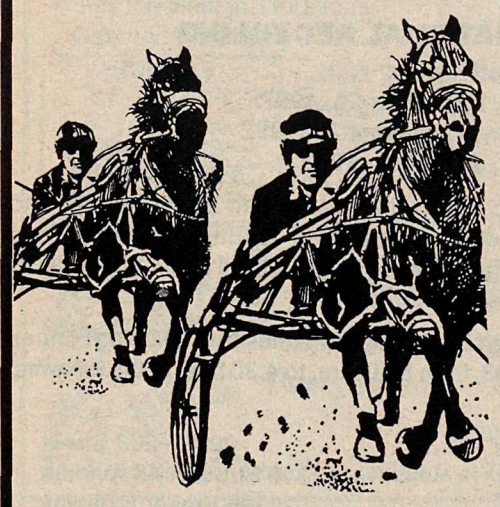

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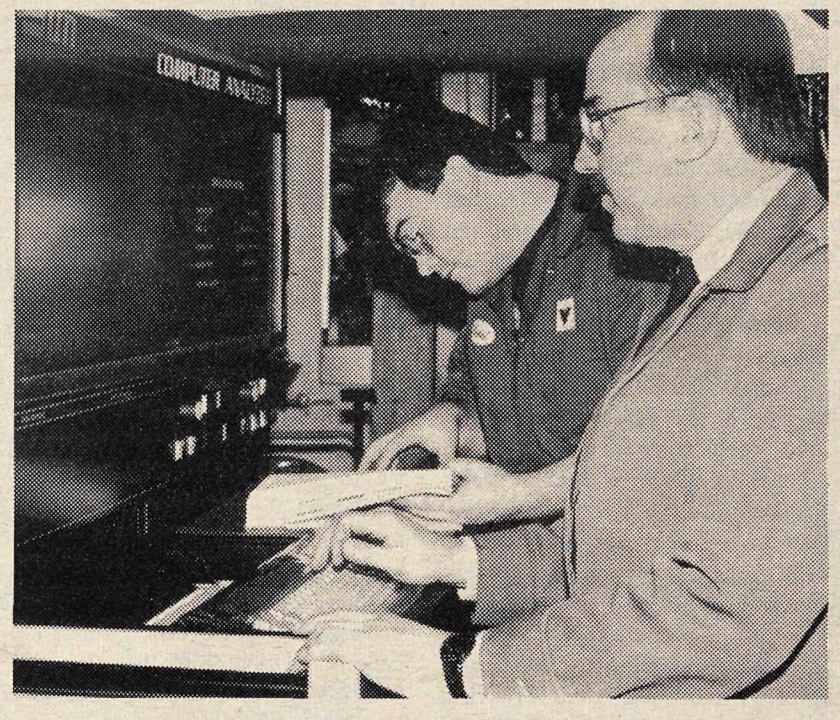

Rolf Arnold will teach the Aircare: Auto Emissions course for auto mechanics at UCFV beginning in January. Details of these and more than 700 other courses, workshops and special events will be outlined in the Continuing Education booklet which will be delivered to valley households on January 2.

Reining clinics here

ALDERGROVE - Vern Sapergia visits this area for a series of reining clinics in the holiday season.

Reining is considered the fastest growing equestrian event, now beginning to take hold in B.C., and the clinics are open to both new and seasoned riders.

Well known internationally for his training, coaching and riding, Sapergia is now based in Saskatchewan. There are limited bookings available for local riders who wish to learn from this master.

Sapergia's program of exercises help horse and rider build progressively on acquired skills. Proof of its success is the number of riders who book their next clinic before the end of the current one. Question and answer sessions are held the second day of each clinic at 1 p.m., and copies of his book on training are available, too.

The first clinic is December 28, 29 and 30 at Cornerstone Stables, 5670 - 264 Street, and another is set for January 2, 3 and 4 at Windsor Stables, 25241 Fraser Highway.

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Bruins score strong win

ALDERGROVE - He shoots...he scores x11 = a convincing win for the Hewitt & Company B Bruins against a developing Port Moody side.

With a string of 'almost' won games behind them, it was only a matter of time before the Hewitt & Company Bruins put it all together. The opening goal scored 2 minutes into the game by David Mamchur, assist Thomas 'TK' Laidman, followed 42 seconds later by the Bruins 2nd goal, put in the net by defenseman Wesley Vanoverschot, assist Jeff Steer, showed the Bruins were on form. The Port Moody side came back and scored their opener at 9.26, bringing the score to 2-1 Aldergrove. A breakaway by Mark Cassibo put Aldergrove ahead 3-1, a positive way to go to the dressing room.

Second period action saw Darcy Benson open the scoring for Aldergrove with a goal 1.44 into the period, unassisted. On a roll, the Bruins Matt Keith, assisted by Darcy Benson and Martin Nicola scored the Bruins 5th 48 seconds later. After his earlier assist, T.K. Laidman was looking for a goal of his own, and at 9:15 of the period, assisted by Joal Lotes and Martin Nicola, got his wish, making it 6 for Aldergrove. Undeterred, Port Moody came back quickly with their 2nd of the evening. The play see-sawed from end to end scoreless for the next 5 minutes. When with 2 minutes to go Aman Sivia, assisted by Spencer Cording and Wesley Vanoverschot put in the Hewitt & Company Bruins 7th of the evening, but Port Moody replied 30 seconds later with their 3rd goal, putting the score at period end 7-3 for the Hewitt & Company Bruins.

Opening goal of the third period was scored by Spencer Cording, assist Joal Loates and Aman Sivia. By now Port Moody was tiring, and with a strong performance in goal by Ben 'The Glove' Eldridge for the Bruins, could not answer. Defenseman Wesley Vanoverschot scored his first of the season at 7.24 in the period, assisted by David Mamchur, who got his own goal 11 seconds later, assisted by T.K. Laidman and Eric Strande, for the Hewitt & Company Bruins 10th of the evening. Final goal of the game was scored by T.K. Laidman, who had 2 goals and 2 assists on the night. Final score 11-3, well done Aldergrove, but credit to Port Moody for never giving up.

Finally, as the last league game before Christmas, many thanks to our sponsors, Hewitt & Company for their support, our coaches Trig Mamchur, the two Larry's, Laidman and Olson, for their advice and guidance, and not to forget our good friends at the Aldergrove Star, without whom these reports would not appear. Merry Christmas - See you in the New Year!

'Buzzards' bowl 3686 in triple

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TUE. MIXED: THT, Buzzards 3686; THS, Buzzards 1301; MHT, Nick Ashby 693; MHS, Dan Stuart 273; LHT, Janis Long 699; LHS, Margaret Higgins 275.

WED. COFFEE: THT, Torpedoes 3258; THS, Unknowns 1143; LHT, Linda McCann 602; LHS, Carolyn Strobel 257.

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MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Please make note of the following schedule changes during the 1992 Christmas and New Years holidays.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

No changes in regular garbage pickup are scheduled for the 1992 holiday season.

MULTI - MATERIAL RECYCLING

There will be no Blue-Box pick up on:
Friday, December 25, 1992
Monday, December 28, 1992
Friday, January 1, 1993

All other Blue-Box pick up days will be serviced as per usual, and normal pick up will resume during the week of January 4, 1993. Please direct any questions to the Township of Langley at 533-6006 or International Paper Industries at 530-3939.

Langley District Scouts will be operating Christmas tree chipping centres on Saturday, January 9, 1993, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the following locations:

KEG IN THE COUNTRY	9050 - 200 Street
PORTER'S STORE	216 Street & 48 Avenue
SQUARE ONE	20395 Fraser Highway
BROOKSWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL	20902 - 37A Avenue
ALDERGROVE LEGION	26607 Fraser Highway

Hot beverages will be available at some sites and donations to SCOUTS CANADA will be gratefully accepted.

The Township of Langley, International Paper Industries and the Langley Waste Consortium wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for the coming new year.

Special transit on New Year's

VANCOUVER - The Regional Transit Commission and BC Transit want you to have a safe New Year's Eve, so once again free rides on all buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus and West Vancouver Blue Buses will be offered. Rides will be free on the transit system from 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, until the end of service, and on early morning service until 5 a.m., Friday, January 1.

SkyTrain and SeaBus will again provide augmented levels of service - approximately three to four minutes between trains on SkyTrain, 15 minute sailings of SeaBus - and hours of service will be extended this year. The last SkyTrain leaves Waterfront Station at 3:20 a.m. and the last SeaBus sails from Waterfront at 3:15 a.m. Between 2:15 a.m. and the last sailing at 3:15 a.m., SeaBus will sail every 30 minutes. Buses will operate on a regular weekday schedule with additional buses - where available - placed in service to handle any overloads.

Christmas light festival 1993 an enjoyment

LANGLEY - The Chamber of Commerce offers its congratulations to the following businesses with outstanding displays and decorations which were chosen by the selection committees for the various areas. The committee and board of directors of the Langley Chamber of Commerce thank all businesses that have helped to create the "Spirit of Christmas" with lights and decorations.

Aldergrove: Gar Lossion Florist & Gifts, 20 - 3100 272 Street, Workwear World, 6 - 27544 Fraser Highway, Sunny Days Flowers, 1 - 27256 Fraser Highway.

Brookswood: Cedarbrook Bakery, 4123 200th Street, Brennan's Mens Wear, 4140 200th Street, Pasta Coffee Queen, 4131 200th Street.

Fort Langley: Northern Exposures Galley, 9207 Glover Road, Payton's Tack Shop, 9110 Glover Road, Marr House Gift Shop & Restaurant, 9090 Glover Road.

Langley City: A Heavenly Touch Toning & Fitness Studio, #3 20505 Fraser Highway, Accent On Pastries, 20450 Douglas Crescent, Easingwood Television, 20565 Fraser Highway.

Walnut Grove: Walnut Grove Nursery, 20864 88th Avenue, Deez Deli, 107 8850 Walnut Grove Drive, Walnut Grove Hardware, 20999 88th Avenue.

Points were given in five categories: Creativity, Mood, Use of existing space, Overall impression and Effort. The selection committee also wish to recognize outstanding displays by the A & W Restaurant in Langley City, The Firehall at 29th Ave. and 272 Street in Aldergrove, Stars Hair Studio in Walnut Grove, Trove Cottage in Fort Langley and the Langley Adult Education Centre in Sendall Square.

WALKING PAST MIDNIGHT

Entertainer Colette Wise and the Kountry Krackers have played to sold out audiences all over B.C. with their "Tribute to Patsy Cline" show. Colette and the Krackers join Jess Lee and Kenny Hess on the triple bill of the Blue Jean Ball, the first ever New Year's party at Tradex (Fraser Valley Trade & Exhibition Centre at the Abbotsford Airport). Tickets are available at all TicketMaster outlets.

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CINEMA GUIDE

CLEARBROOK CINEMAS
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DEC. 25 - 31

UNDER SIEGE: Nightly: 7:30, 9:35. Dec. 24th 7:30 only. Ends Thursday. (RESTRICTED)

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT: Nightly: 7:10, 10:00. Ends Thursday. Dec. 24th 7:10 only. (MATURE)

DRACULA: Nightly: 7:05, 9:55. Dec. 24th 7:05 only. Dec. 25th 7:05, 9:50. Dec. 26th - Jan. 3rd Daily 2:10, 7:05, 9:50. (14 YEARS)

HOFFA: Nightly: 7:10, 9:55. Starts Friday. Dec. 25th 7:20, 10:00. Dec. 26 - Jan. 3 Daily 2:05, 7:20, 10:00. NO PASSES ACCEPTED. (14 YEARS)

TRESSPASS: Nightly: 7:30, 9:35. Starts Friday. Dec. 26 - Jan 3rd Daily 2:15, 7:30, 9:45. NO PASSES ACCEPTED. (14 YEARS)

A FEW GOOD MEN: Nightly: 7:00, 9:50. Dec. 26 - Jan. 3rd Daily 2:00, 7:00, 9:50. NO PASSES ACCEPTED. (MATURE)

TOYS: Nightly: 7:10, 9:35. Dec. 25th 7:10, 9:35. Dec. 26 - Jan. 3rd Daily 2:20, 7:10, 9:35. NO PASSES ACCEPTED. (MATURE)

HOME ALONE 2: Nightly: 7:25, 9:45. Dec. 24th 7:25 only. Dec. 25th 7:25, 9:45. Dec. 26 - Jan 3rd Daily 2:25, 7:25, 9:45. NO PASSES ACCEPTED. (GENERAL)

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7:00 & 9:10
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Nightly 7:00

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THE MIGHTY DUCKS
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Daily Matinees – 1:15

Please Note: We will be closed Dec. 24 & Dec 25, Daily Matinees and Evening Performances will commence Dec. 26.

This Christmas GIVE "PASSPORT To The MOVIES"
Bonus FREE Ticket in every Book!

Topper provided the mandolin music for busy Christmas shoppers at Aldergrove Mall, Saturday. -Tim Attwood photo

New ticket outlet expands territory

VANCOUVER - Encore Tickets Limited has entered the ticket sales market in British Columbia with a staff of 18, the most advanced computerized ticketing system in Canada, contracts for ticket sales and related services for several Greater Vancouver clients and plans to extend its clientele throughout B.C., including the Fraser Valley.

Encore president Michael Kelly, a graduate of Abbotsford Senior Secondary school, said the company currently is selling tickets for clients under contracts giving Encore exclusive distribution rights over their ticket inventories.

The clients are Promo Adventures, the Fend Players Society which presents stage productions at the Station Street Arts Centre, Punch Lines Comedy Theatre in Vancouver, and Keith Lawrence Symphony Sessions, which offers Vancouver Symphony Orchestra packages. Promo Adventures and CFMI Rock 101 offer a dinner-hockey ticket package combining dinners at Keg restaurants with tickets and transportation to Vancouver Canuck games.

"These are the first of many contracts we expect to have in hand in the weeks and months ahead," said Kelly, whose company began selling tickets in October after a year of developmental work. Kelly, whose career has included extensive marketing and sales experience with such organizations as Woodward's and BC Tel, started Encore after spending a year with a national ticket selling agency in Vancouver and Toronto.

Encore's headquarters and operations centre, opened in September in Downtown Vancouver, has telephone and computer equipment and software systems which give the company the most advanced computerized ticketing system in Canada.

'Truly outstanding group' comes to Rock

LANGLEY - Trinity Western University Choirs and White Rock Baptist Church host the internationally-known Luther College Nordic Choir of Decorah, Iowa, at White Rock Baptist Church, Friday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The Nordic Choir is, according to the New York Times,"...a truly outstanding group." They displayed "...a perfection that manages not to sound hammered...unity of texture, enunciation and phrasing...the performance had the naturalness along with technical expertise...everything was beautifully sung." Acclaimed by music lovers worldwide, this a capella choir of 75 voices recently thrilled audiences in the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslavakia with their excellent singing.

"Never have we heard such an enthusiastic response in our Concert Hall!" stated a music critic from Tallin, Estonia. "You stole our hearts. You sing as professionals We have over 3,000 students at the Leningrad Conservatory, but we can never equal your choir," said a Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) musician.

Now in its 47th season, the Nordic Choir tours annually throughout North America. Several days after singing at White Rock Baptist Church, they will sing at the Crystal Cathedral Sunday morning services in California. A variety of music ranging from the classics to spirituals will be included in their sacred concert, conducted by professor Weston Noble. Highly praised, his musical groups respond actively and sincerely for consistently excellent performances. Admission is free of charge although a free will offering will be taken to cover the expenses of the evening.

Weston H. Noble conducts the Luther College Nordic Choir at their January 15 performance in White Rock.

Chipping replaces annual burn ritual

LANGLEY - This year's Christmas tree could end up covering your favorite trail or garden as part of a regional tree recycling drive.

The Greater Vancouver Regional District has teamed up with municipal recycling co-ordinators and the provincial recycling hotline to promote the chipping of Christmas trees.

This year's region-wide chipping program will build on the success of the past two years. Most Lower Mainland municipalities are offering chipping events, and Christmas tree suppliers and merchants have agreed to attach tags which promote tree recycling and lists the hotline number people can call for more information on chipping events.

Once chipped, trees of Christmas past will be used for composting, as ground cover, and for hydro right-of-ways.

The Christmas tree recycling event in this area is sponsored by the Boy Scouts and Kiwanis Club and takes place January 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Aldergrove Legion, Brookswood and Murrayville schools, The Keg and Willowbrook Mall. For information call Langley District Scouts, 888-6119.

Arts calendar of great events

Nov. 18 - Jan. 4: **Oils by D.B. MacDonald** , in the Foyer of the Langley Centennial Museum. Call 888-3922 for more information.

All of Dec. - **Ft. Langley Christmas '92** , Thurs.-Sun. 7-9 p.m., Sat. & Sun., 1-4 p.m., 7-9 p.m., Santa on Duty in Gasoline Alley, Carollers & Musicians, Hot Chocolate & Roasted Chestnuts sold on the street. Streets ablaze with 800 strings of lights purchased by the merchants of Ft. Langley.

Dec. 1 - **Tickets go on sale for the 10th Anniversary "Flowers & Showers" Springs Arts Ball,** to be held Sat., April 17, 1993 at Newlands Golf & Racquet Club in Langley. Available from the Langley Arts Council office & LAC Directors. Call 534-0781 for more info.

Dec. 13 - Jan. 17 - **"The Wonder of Wood" Exhibition,** Langley Centennial Museum & NEC, 9135 King St., Ft. Langley, Tues.-Sat. 10:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Sun. 1-4:45 p.m. Illustrates the science & beauty of wood & explores the importance of wood to the quality of life -both past & present.

Dec. 26 - **Auction Set up,** Boxing Day, Ft. Langley Community Hall, Glover Rd.

Dec. 27 - **Ft. Langley Auction,** Sunday, Ft. Langley Community Hall, Glover Rd.

Dec. 30 - **Family Christmas,** Wednesday afternoon, Ft. Langley Community Hall, Glover Rd.

First a friend, then a host

CHILLIWACK - Be "First a Friend, then a Host" this holiday season.

"Accident statistics for British Columbia show that about one in three traffic fatalities are alcohol-related. You can help reduce the tragedies on our highways be being a responsible host," says BCAA spokesperson Marian Zadra.

"First a Friend, Then a Host" provides holiday hosts with helpful suggestions on how to hold a responsible party. The brochure includes recipes for non-alcoholic beverages and high-caloric foods which help slow down alcohol absorption, and ideas on how to take the focus away from alcohol.

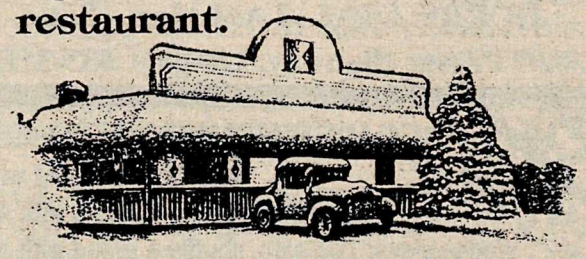
Remember to be "First a Friend" - not just an accommodating host. You could help prevent an alcohol-related accident.

"First a Friend, Then a Host" brochures are available free of charge at the BCAA.

Make it a happy and safe holiday!

This Christmas, give those on your list the gift of fine dining with a gift certificate at Aldergrove's finest restaurant.

The Hourglass RESTAURANT & DINING LOUNGE OPEN



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BC Gas warns of scam artist

VANCOUVER - BC Gas is working with Fraser Valley R.C.M.P. and Vancouver Police to apprehend a thief posing as a BC Gas service representative. The natural gas utility has received reports of a middle-aged man who has approached residential customers, informing them he is from BC Gas and that he has come to 'change their meter'. He then insists there will be a small charge for this service, and when the customer produces a purse or wallet, he steals it and quickly leaves.

Ted Schellenberg, manager of external relations for BC Gas, said, "All of our service representatives carry proper identification and wear uniforms or coveralls with BC Gas insignia. If a customer is suspicious, they should ask for ID to be shown. As well, it should be noted that we do not require cash payment for services performed by BC Gas".

Schellenberg pointed out that meter changes are normally scheduled with the customer by telephone in advance of a visit by BC Gas personnel. "If the customer is unsure," he said, "they should contact our local Service Centre at (604) 298-1400 for confirmation of the service call. In the Fraser Valley, toll free numbers are listed in your telephone directory."

Christmas Bureau donations

LANGLEY - The Christmas Bureau reports that hampers were delivered on Saturday, December 19. Everyone in need will have received one or have been contacted by their adopting family.

To date they have received 882 applications for hampers and have adopted 742 families out to the community.

Following is a list of donors:

Weinkauf, Malish, Clark Accounting, 1 family; Langley Kinette Club, 1; St. Joseph Catholic Church, 15; Fort Langley Free Evangelical Church, 1; Woodshed Restaurant, 1; Langley School Board Office Staff, 2; Ellehammer Industries Ltd., 1; Langley B.C. Bio-Medical Laboratories Ltd., 1; Canadian Reformed Church of Port Kells, 1; Drs. Allen, Borg, Stephanie, Wilson & staff, 1; Aldergrove Kinettes, 5; Westward Inn, 1; 1st Derby Hills Scout Group, 1; Aldergrove Customs Staff, 3; Langley Church of Christ, 5; Trans Continental West, 1; Team Mfg. Ltd., 1; Langley Amateur Radio, 1; CKF Industries, 1; D.J. Music Ltd., 1; Arcade Barbershop, 1; Country Barbershop, 1; Valley Rentals, 1; Aldergrove Kinsmen, 10; William Devries family, 1; Hickson family, 1; White family, 1; Mr. & Mrs. C. Harrison, 1; Lou Brega, 1; Rufenacht family, 1; Paul Veersteg, 1; Mone and Mion families, 1; Scott-Ashe, Seller, Easingwood, 1; Dale Berg, 1; Charel & Ted Schibild, 1; Gord & Linda Borg, 1; Dianne Johnson family, 1; Susan Bishop family, 1; Sabourin Cecil, 1; Dana Jansen, 1; Doug Booth, 1; Kurt Stoll, 1; Hendricksen family, 1; Wayne Henderson, 1; Yule & Orrel families, 1.

Money donations: Royal Bank staff $235., South Langley Mennonite Brethren Church $250., J. Wells $50., E. Brown $20., Mary Norberg $25., Helen Woolley $50., Langley Lions Club $1,000., Easingwood Holdings $100., D.W. Rollins $50., Douglas Miller $60., R. Tielens $125., Brookswood Senior Citizens $100., L.T. Magson $200., Elizabeth Balser $20., Dogwood Lodge #192 $100., L. Stephens $200., Langley Chamber of Commerce $202., S. Anderson $125., I. Preston $25., J. Synge $10., V. Matts $10., B. Allen $100., H. Yates $50., Laureate Alpha Epsilon $20., N. Pardoe $50., T. Reiter $40., M. Zonito $70., R. Steadman $50., L. Twiss $5., P. McCallum $20., C. Bois $100., Dr. Prych $100., M. Omelaniec $100., Comcheg Services Ltd. $150., CUPE local 2058 $154., Angela Brigge $60., Lloyd Simkins $35., Lauren & Marg Wenmen $25., 2nd West Langley Boy Scouts $100., Oscar Roscher $100., K. Beadle $50., J. Gritten $200., Material Management Dept. Langley Memorial Hospital $120.

Tinsel boogie

By FRANCES EVANOFF

The Christmas tree tho' artificial
Actually looks quite nice, with all
The coloured artifacts and artificial ice.
The man of the house has done his best,
With what we had on hand,
Patiently arranging those pesky
Gleaming strands.
He sorted them, he placed them
On each brushy limb, but
When he moved around the tree,
Those strands still followed him,
The cat with swaying tail slunk past,
They anchored to that furry mast,
Time after time he put them back,
I heard him softly swear,
And when he walked away from it,
I saw silver in his hair.

SENIORS NEWS

Were you ready for the blackout?

By MAUDIE MacPHERSON

ALDERGROVE - Is this the usual Christmas weather? Not really, the white stuff came a little early, methinks. Were you prepared for the power failure? Not me, even the flashlight was hard to find, no batteries in the lantern, no candles in sight. Strangely enough we were able to get the old farm-like lantern and lamp going, but not until we sewed string to lengthen the wick and cleaned the chimneys. Now we were all set with lots of light for playing a game of cards when suddenly the electricity came on - end of power failure - end of the card game, back to Christmas baking.

Last bowling game of the year was Thursday. Two carpets were in play. The usual crowd was there. After the new year how about joining us at the O.A.P. hall Thursday at 1:30 p.m. You would be most welcome.

The Choral Group wound up the Christmas singing program last Tuesday at Highland Lodge. Nice to see Phyllis Walker looking so well and in good spirits. She feels it is a good place for her where she is receiving the care she needs. We miss you bowling Phyllis.

About sixty were at the Wednesday dance. Spot dance went to George Pettet and Dorothy Marshall. 50-50 winners were Charlie Reid and Eleanor Anderson. A get well card was sent to Evelyn Hartley of Chilliwack. Helen Macure of Sudbury, Ontario was welcomed to the dance.

Saturday as you remember was a very snowy wintry night so only 46 attended. Door prizes were given to Dorothy Bright and Alma Stender. 50-50 winners were Lou Martin and Vern Nash. First spot was won by Selina Davies and Ellie Wilson. 2nd spot went to Jack Payne and Cora Dyck.

Christmas week there is a dance Wednesday and Saturday but the following week no Wednesday dance, but Thursday evening remember the New Year's Eve dance. Price $6. First come, first served. The usual Saturday night dance will be held that week.

The Westernaires are playing this week but the Happy Gang will provide the music for the New Years Eve dance.

So nice to see Mary Sanderson's picture on the front page of the Star last week. Congratulations, Mary on winning the Hilda Reddick Community Service Award, you deserve it.

Since the paper is delivered Thursday, Christmas Eve day it gives me a chance on behalf of the O.A.P. members to wish Season's greetings to subscribers and Star staff members alike. May 1993 bring peace, happiness and good health to all.

Don't forget to leave Santa a treat.

Thanks from Daffs

ALDERGROVE - The Daffodil Lioness Club wish to thank everyone who helped them give a good Christmas to people in Aldergrove who needed help. They also thank Aldergrove Centre Mall for the Xmas tree for their "angels," so everyone could receive a gift.

Jay's Yogurt Bar took care of the gifts till they could be picked up. Thanks everyone.

Winners of their meat draw are first prize G. Sellick, second prize Rita Pitton and third prize Vera Marten.

Many thanks to all my great customers for helping to make '92 a Howling Success!

All the best in '93,
Jennifer Turcotte

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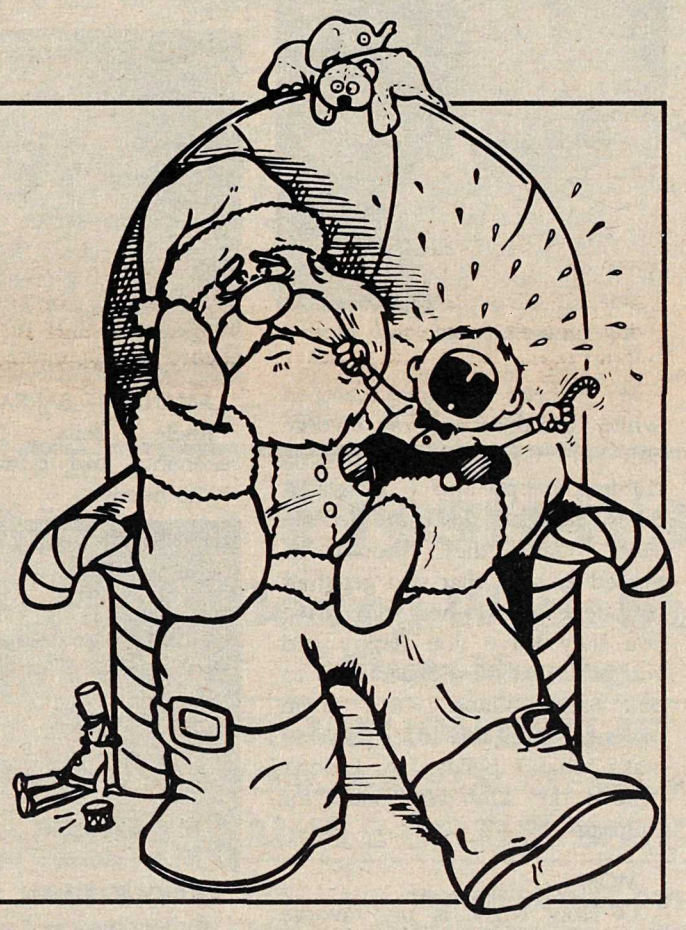
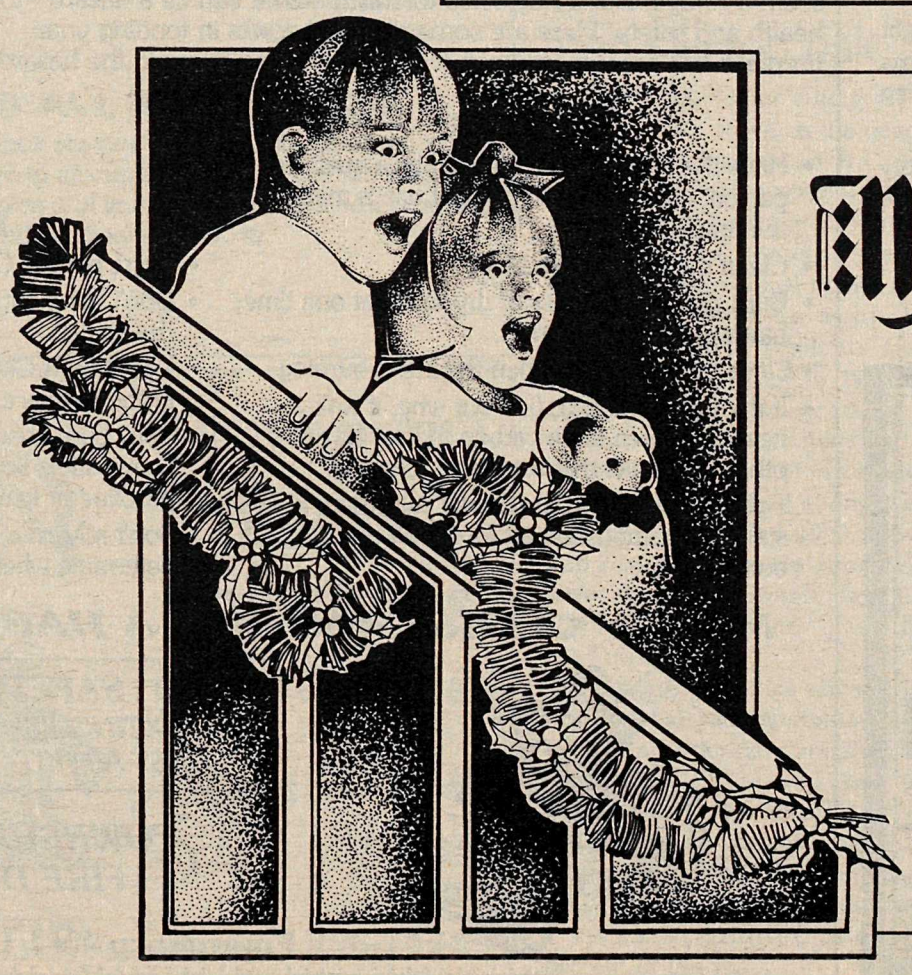




Merry Christmas

from all of us at

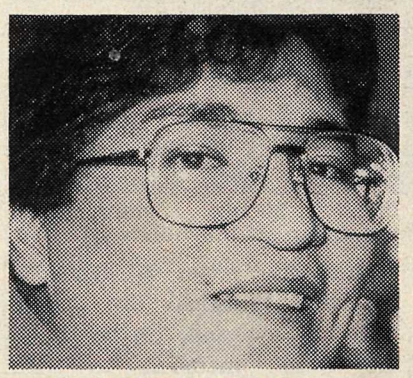
The Aldergrove Star
"Illegitimus non carborundum"

Rudy, Kurt, Jennifer, Lynda, Janet, Marie, Doreen, Tim, Annabel & Randall

Your voice

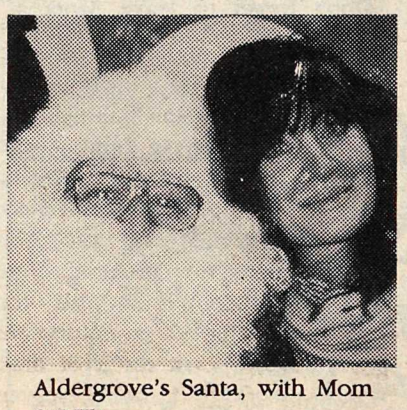
By LARA BRODIE and LOIS BRONK

Mom and I took a stroll through the Aldergrove Mall the other day in hopes of locating a few Aldergrovians who wouldn't mind a quick Christmas chat. Mom asked them what their very favorite Christmas carol is and their favorite part of Christmas, and the answers were...



GORDON KORTHUIS

Away in a Manger...time spent with friends...Jesus is the reason for Christmas!



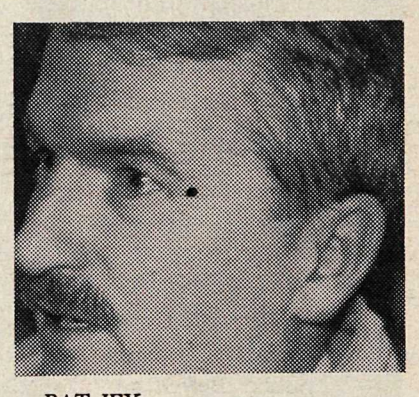
Aldergrove's Santa, with Mom

SANTA

My favorite Christmas carol is White Christmas and my favorite part of Christmas is making children happy and I think that when children do come to see Santa Claus they should be treated as such that you get their confidence and when they leave you they leave you happy and you are what they expect you to be, Santa Claus. Give them patience, time and love, that's it, that's what I believe in. I don't believe in assembly lines for children.

MOM

O Holy Night is my favorite Christmas carol and my favorite part of Christmas is all the love I feel around me and hearing Neil Diamond's Christmas tape playing. Merry Christmas to you all and Happy Birthday to our Dear Saviour Jesus!



PAT JEX

Deck the Halls. My favorite part of Christmas is everybody giving gifts to everybody else.

MEGAN HOOLSEMA, 6

Jingle Bells...playing with our toys.

AMANPRET SAPRAI, 15

Jingle Bells, Giving and receiving, and donating money to the needy.

NICKY BRADLEY, 13

My favorite carol is Silent Night and my favorite part of Christmas is going down in the morning and opening all my gifts!

Thank-you all for your friendly smiles. God bless and have a safe and fun holiday season!

Notaries seek public's support

VANCOUVER - B.C. Notaries Public are looking for province-wide support in getting the provincial government to give people a greater choice in who does legal work.

It's a classic David and Goliath struggle because B.C. lawyers currently have a monopoly on the additional service notaries are after.

A petition is being circulated throughout B.C. asking Attorney General Colin Gabelmann to amend the Notaries Act so that notaries public can probate non-contentious wills and incorporate non-reporting companies.

The training notaries currently receive prepares them to offer the service, but lawyers are blocking efforts by notaries to change the law.

Michael Carr, president of the society says a recent public opinion poll shows that almost two-thirds of people who have used a notary strongly agree that the profession should be allowed to expand its services to include probates and simple incorporations. The same poll showed a strong majority of people think notaries are well trained and educated. "It's really a matter of giving people a choice of service. Notaries have a long tradition of trust, and we think that in today's world, people have a right to shop around for the best value-for-money, be it a lawyer or a notary," he said.

Carr said his organization is also seeking to increase the legal number of notaries allowed in the province to 365 from the 322 allowed under the current Act.

"B.C. is the fastest growing province in Canada. We also have over 300,000 people now working from home, which means tremendous demands for simple incorporations. All we are saying is that the law should be changed to reflect today's reality," he said.

There are no legal limits on how many lawyers can practice in B.C.

The Army can help you warm up to Christmas

ABBOTSFORD - The warmth of Christmas is truly permeating through our community as the big day gets closer. This is the time of year when the sensitivity of the needs of the less fortunate are most prevalent.

As the Salvation Army, we strive to service these needs twelve months of the year through our various ministries such as the Meal Centre, Family Services Office for counselling, food vouchers and hampers, referrals to detox centres and drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

The public's assistance to help us with these and other programs has never been more important to us and those we are helping.

At this time, we are only half way to our goal of $150,000. If you are able to share a gift to help us to help others, please drop it in one of our Christmas Kettles or mail it to The Salvation Army, 33933 Cyril Street. A tax deductible receipt will be mailed to you.

We are also in need of Christmas gifts for teens, ages 13-16. If you are able to purchase a gift (eg. clothing, tapes, gift certificates) for a teen, please drop it by the office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Lopushinsky proud of '92

LANGLEY - "City residents and taxpayers can look at 1992 as another good year", city Mayor Joe Lopushinsky says.

"Something that I and the members of council are particularly happy about is the 1% reduction in city property taxes. I am sure that we all feel proud about this achievement especially in light of the federal and provincial down-loading (tax increases) on to municipalities."

"Another significant achievement was the reconstruction of Al Anderson Memorial Pool in City Park. While this project cost in excess of $1-million there will be no debt considerations to be addressed," he said.

"As a result of activities this year we can look forward to some exciting things to take place in 1993. We will see Kwantlen College open in September. The new 51B Avenue bridge should be opening as well. There seems to be considerable momentum for a new Business Improvement Area in the downtown core.

"In the history of our city, 1992 may serve to be one of our greatest years and certainly from a taxpayers' point of view," Mayor Lopushinsky concluded.

FIREPLACE SAFETY

The fireplace may not be an important supplier of heat in your home. In fact, it is often a source of energy loss, as it removes warmed combustion air from the home and sends it up the chimney.

However, the fireplace is an important symbol of warmth, security and the value of close ties with home, family and friends. This is particularly true during the winter holiday season. The fireplace may seem a refuge. But if neglected or mistreated it can be a hazard - to health and safety. Here are some do's and don'ts in tending your fireplace this season - to keep it as a refuge and to avoid the hazards.

DO'S

- Have the chimney flue cleaned by a qualified person, once a year if frequent use is made of the fireplace.
- Clean the firebox regularly.
- Burn ony three pieces of dry wood at one time; hardwoods are preferred.
- Close the firescreen when the fire is burning
- If the fire is smokey, find out why; it isn't healthy to breathe in carbon monoxide and other pollutants that are being released.
- If glass doors are in use, make sure there is sufficient combustion air to permit the fire to burn cleanly.

DON'TS

- Don't put the Christmas tree near the fireplace
- Don't hang christmas stockings directly above the fire.
- Dont't burn Christmas wrapping paper or trees in the fireplace.
- Don't burn charcoal, or flammable or combustible liquids such as oil, charcoal starters, gasoline or kerosene.
- Don't rely on a quick look up the chimney to determine whether the flue is clean.

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Dear Annabelle,

Every year my sister does her Christmas shopping earlier and earlier. She buys her groceries and stores them in her basement in October. With her groceries she buys two or three boxes of chocolates and dozens of cookies. When we visit her during the holidays there isn't one chocolate or cookie to be found in her house. I asked her about this and she said she had been snacking on them since October and suddenly discovered she had eaten them all up. She wouldn't go out before Christmas and buy some more because she said they were too expensive. Do you think this is fair to her guests? When she comes to our house she stuffs herself with all the baking and buying I have done.

Signed: Sick of greedy relatives.

Dear Sick,

Now, now, it's Christmas, a time for sharing what you have with others. Be nice and don't mention this to her until the fall of next year. Then gently hint to her to put off her Christmas shopping until closer to the big day. She may take the hint. However, may you both, and your families, have a happy Christmas - and take your sister a box of your cookies.

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Dear Annabelle,

Our house is chilly all the time in winter but my husband refuses to turn the thermostat up. "Put on a sweater!" he says. When the temperature drops to about -5C he just laughs, "put on another sweater!" One time B.C. Hydro cut off our power because he hadn't paid the bill. He said we'd use candles for light and cook on the woodstove in the basement. "But we haven't got any firewood," I cried. "Ha-ha!" said he. "Go and chop down some trees - that's woman's work!"

When there was a tremendous rainstorm and the roof started leaking he just laughed, ha-ha, and told me to wear a sou'wester and gumboots. He says he's saving money so he can go gambling in Las Vegas with his buddies.

My question is: Is he being mean or am I selfish in my desire for a few humble comforts in my home?

Signed: "Chilly Millie"

Dear Millie,

This man is not only cold blooded he is cold-hearted too. He might change his attitude though if you told him you were going to buy a fur coat to keep yourself warm. And while you are doing that order in two or three cords of wood (as advertised in the Star). That should get him heated up in short order. Good luck.

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Star readers are invited to mail in their questions or problems to ASK ANNABELLE. Use a nom de plume if you wish. The address is ASK ANNABELLE, c/o Box 220, Aldergrove, B.C. V0X 1A0.

GVRD seeks greater planning authority

BURNABY - The Greater Vancouver Regional District is seeking public input by January 29 on a proposal to improve regional land use and transportation planning.

The report of the Task Force on Regional Land Use and Transportation Planning Mandates recommends that the GVRD board seek authority from the provincial government to adopt a regional strategic plan - a blueprint or vision for future development in the Greater Vancouver region.

Task force chairperson and GVRD director Gordon Hogg said "The new mandate should complement and support municipal planning and zoning. Our focus would be on developing partnerships - or agreements - with other government bodies to achieve regional goals," Hogg said.

Under the task force proposal, the regional strategic plan would reflect strong support from municipal councils and the public. Before adoption, the plan would go before a public hearing and be formally reviewed by councils, the provincial government and other agencies. The final plan would require support from at least a 75 percent majority of GVRD board members.

Director Bob Bose, chairperson of the GVRD's Development Services and Transportation Committee, said the GVRD is currently developing a Livable Region Strategic Plan to guide future development in the region but has no clear power to adopt it.

Aluminum not cause

LONDON - The link between aluminum and Alzheimer's disease that has led people to throw away aluminum pots and pans has been put in doubt by new research. The study by an Oxford team of scientists suggests that traces of aluminum found in brain tissue from sufferers may have come from dyes used to stain the tissue for analysis.

The scientists reported in Nature magazine that analysis of more than 200 samples of brain tissue failed to detect previously reported levels of aluminum.

Wenman says aid too late

OTTAWA - Late in the night of Dec. 7, in the House of Commons during a special debate, Robert Wenman, Fraser Valley West M.P addressed the need for aid to the people of Somalia.

In his speech, Wenman recalled a 1980 visit to Somalia. "In 1980, I was made aware by the Somalia community of the crisis at that time. I got together with a non-governmental organization and we raised $200,000. We took them the food we had, powdered milk and they started pouring out of their little mud huts. They lined up 10,000 mothers and children, but we only had two trucks. That is all there was."

Wenman asked CIDA in 1980 to do something for these people - but was refused because Somalia was not a program country and the liberal government at the time refused to add Somalia to their list. But today, 12 years later, the situation continues as no concrete action has yet been done to help these suffering people.

"You know they were dying then and they are dying today... and they have died by the thousands ever since, and they will keep on dying," stated Wenman in a very emotional speech.

"I urge that this is the beginning of an enlightenment, a recognition of the future of Somalia and the beginning of the planning for the development programs, the free market system, and so forth, and even democracy that can give hope to Somalia."

Wenman supports immediate relief aid to the people of Somalia but is also concerned that the accomplishments that evolve as a result of the current relief effort, risk being annulled if long-term solutions are not considered.

House prices up over last year

VANCOUVER - The real estate market for residential property maintained a steady pace throughout the month of October, said British Columbia Real Estate Association president, Gary Brady.

Slightly over 9,000 residential properties were sold on the Multiple Listing Service in October. "In actual numbers, sales were 9,059 compared to 9,092 units in September." Brady also noted that, province-wide, house prices are, on average, 11 percent higher than the same period last year rising to $191,331 from $170,707.

With an average residential price for October of $240,006, Greater Vancouver continues to be the highest priced area in the province. In northeastern B.C. residential prices for the month averaged $46,000.

On a year to year comparison, the Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board recorded the highest changes with a 26 percent average price increase. Selling prices rose to $134,463 from $98,880. In the Okanagan, the South Okanagan Real Estate Board posted a 21 percent gain with prices rising to $120,590 from $95,752.

Brady noted that while the "average selling price" for a home can be distorted by a few properties selling at a higher or lower price, it does provide a reliable reflection of the market over a period of time.

Aids on rise; gay men still top risk

VICTORIA - After tailing off in 1990, the rate at which the deadly AIDS virus spread in B.C. increased last year, according to the latest results from the provincial government's sexually transmitted disease control branch.

AIDS grew at an annually increasing rate from its first recorded appearance in 1983 for four years, then grew at a decreasing rate, and finally decreased its rate of spreading between 1989, when there were 221 new cases, and 1990, when 220 new cases were reported. Now there is enough data for 1991 to report 229 new cases for the year.

Ongoing statistics show that homosexual activity continues to be the predominant medium of transmission, involving 92 percent of the cases, with intravenous drug use and hemophiliacs covering another one percent each. Heterosexual activity accounted for two percent of the cases.

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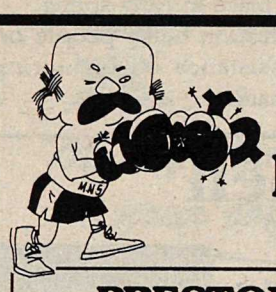

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Clover truly in clover

MURRAYVILLE - Councilors here Monday night changed a decision made one week earlier.

They granted Clover Towing a contract with the municipality for three years rather than the two-year term they had decided on seven days earlier.

Coun. Muriel Arnason said councilors obviously were "afraid of trying something new." She had spoken in favor of splitting the contract between the two contenders, Clover and Partel Towing on a rotational basis. Last week, the owner of Partel had approached council with a plea for reconsideration of the contract award. Frank VanHuet then managed to extract a promise from council that he would only have to wait another two years before his company would be considered, after he told councilors that other communities in the lower mainland awarded the contracts on a monthly rotation basis and that although he claimed to have been the low bidder, the contract had still been awarded to his competitor because Clover had held it in the past.

This week, a recommendation to council from staff advised that the contract should be made valid for three years because those were the terms of the tendering process followed by both bidders. Otherwise, the report said, the municipality might have to seek new tenders.

The current contract expires within a couple of weeks. It is said to be worth $2-million over a three-year period.

A nativity scene on the lawn of Fort Langley's Community Hall seems almost lifelike. The scene is part of the 800 strings of Christmas lights on display in the city. -Tim Attwood photo

Winter programs ready to roll

LANGLEY - Family Services' winter programs begin in January. They will be offering parenting sessions for parents of children of all ages.

The sessions include: Parenting Young Children, S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting), Parenting Teenagers, Blended Families, How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, Nobody's Perfect and John Bradshaw on the Family.

They are offering the following new programs: Communication for Couples in Conflict, Resolving Conflict with Teens for both parents and teenagers, Woman Self-Awareness and John Bradshaw on the Family for Men and one evening workshops for men.

They offer many one evening and Saturday workshops for parenting and personal growth for men and women. Registration begins January 15 and 16 at Willowbrook Mall (kiosk beside "Somewhere in Time"). If space is still available you may also register by calling Agnes at 534-7921 beginning January 18.

There is a course fee for all groups and a manual fee for some. No one is excluded for not being able to pay.

Stepping forward

MURRAYVILLE - "It's looking good," said a delegate from the Langley Stepping Stones.

Thanking local government for their contribution of $50,000, the delegate said the organization's new building will be constructed next year. Group has collected a total of $255,000 to pay for the building and site preparations will take place in early spring.

Organization helps people on social assistance on reentering the job market.

New provincial mobile home park laws expected in '93; Sihota

VICTORIA - Consumer services minister Moe Sihota released a report on manufactured homes in the province, Dec. 16, which shows that over 100,000 residents of manufactured home communities require new legislation to protect their interests.

The report follows a review process headed by MLA Rick Kasper between July and November, which visited nine communities and brought out 1,300 members of the public. About 600 submissions were received.

Among recommendations are the call for a mediation and dispute resolution committee, to resolve disputes and review pad rent increases, and that arbitration involving this committee would be paid for by the losing party. Also suggested are fines for violations of the Residential Tenancy Act rather than evictions.

Other recommendations include requirement of one year's notice to homeowners and financial compensation of up to $10,000 for moving costs if home parks are converted to other uses. Currently, six months notice and six months rent are required.

Also proposed is review of capital tax for co-operatively owned home parks and loan guarantees for creation of co-op parks, as well as development of available Crown land for home parks, and the extension of the SAFER program and Renters Tax Credit to eligible home owners.

The Residential Tenancy Act should also be applied to home parks which are located on native land, without infringing on native self-government, said Sihota.

Other legal steps recommended include a class action option for home owners, development of a plain language standard rental agreement for all parks and a review of security deposits.

Lastly, major legislation affecting manufactured homes should be consolidated under one ministry. Sihota said future legislative changes will be coordinated with the ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing, which has struck a provincial commission to address housing affordability.

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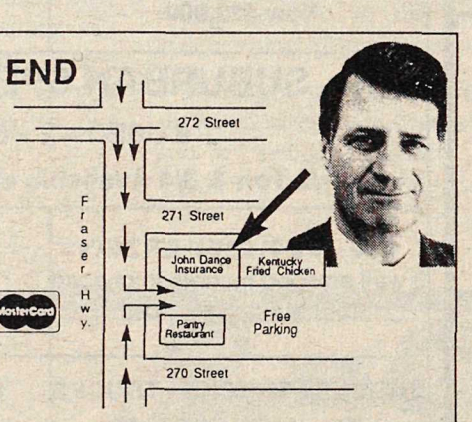

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Hat's off to Langley

LANGLEY - It's "Hats off to Langley" as the Langley Spring Fair and Exhibition returns to the Civic Centre, April 23 to 25.

Hosted by the Langley Chamber of Commerce, the event features activities, entertainment and exhibits with country style hospitality. As well as providing local business with the opportunity to showcase themselves to thousands of valley residents, 25 percent of proceeds are dedicated to youth oriented projects.

The chamber is currently soliciting exhibitors, offering standard booth rates of $3.75 per square foot, and discounts on bulk spaces. For information call the chamber at 530-6656 or fax 530-7066.

Dogs and owners graduate

LANGLEY - On November 26, the Valley Dog Training Club held its annual Fall Session Graduation Night. This night was the culmination of ten weeks of obedience training and students were competing for awards.

Beginner classes were judged by Liz Coventry. In the Beginner A class (first-time handlers), a first place rosette was awarded to Janet Pardy and Cocker/Springer cross, Jake. Second place went to Lynn Tucker and her Golden Retriever, Logan. Third place was awarded to Jessica Koopman and her German Wirehair Pointer, Sly. In the Beginner B class (experienced handlers), the first rosette was awarded to Kathy Waterdrinker and her Schipperke, Mori. Second place went to Marg Blatter and her Golden Retriever, Billy. The third place ribbon went to Barb Mallar and her Cavalier cross, Corky. A junior handler award was presented to Jessica Koopman and her German Wirehair Pointer, Sly.

Advanced classes were judged by Carol Swan-Lang. In Intermediate Class, the first place rosette was won by Janet Hooge and her Shepherd/Husky cross, Bonnet. Second place was presented to Judy Trickett and her Yorkshire Terrier, Gizmo. The third place ribbon went to Sally Rees and her German Shepherd, Bob. There was a tie for first place in the Novice Class and rosettes were awarded to Barbara Kwiczak and her Yorkshire Terrier, Sophia, and Kelly Pisiak and her Bichon Frise, Bijou. The second place ribbon went to Tracey Goebel and her American Cocker Spaniel, Keifer. Third place was won by Deb Hollinger and her Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Bramble. In Graduate Novice, first place was won by Val Wetherset and her Golden Retriever, Brittany. In the Open Class, first place was awarded to Al Bishop and his Golden Retriever, Kady.

Since our last graduation ceremony, Ona Steffensen and her German Shepherd, Cherry, and Val Wetherset and her Golden Retriever, Britanny, received a CD (companion dog) obedience title through Canadian Kennel Club sanctioned shows and they were presented with a plaque to commemorate their achievement. In addition, the club presented an unofficial CD plaque to Lynne Wood and her Old English Sheepdog cross, Sydney.

The evening concluded with donuts, coffee and talk. Classes will resume in January after a well-earned break.

Rejoice, reduce and reuse are the catchwords

BURNABY - They are busy making candles, bird feeders, sachets, calendars, candy jars and pencil holders out of scrap materials. They are colouring and printing paper bags to use as wrapping paper. They are folding boxes out of old cards and braiding wool scraps for bows. They are creating cards that featurs personalized greetings and artwork.

Are these industrious workers Santa's elves? No, they are local school children who are learning that less can mean more at Christmas time. While a lack of snow may keep this season green for the rest of us, young students are greening the holidays by following the principals of reducing and reusing.

Most students study the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) throughout the school year. Many classes in the region are participating in activities from the Greater Vancouver Regional District's 3R education program No Time To Waste.

Christmas provides the perfect opportunity for students to apply what they have learned. To reduce waste, students give their time as a gift. Choirs perform at seniors' centres and in shopping malls. Children design certificates of service, offering to babysit, wash the car, read aloud, run errands, walk the dog, or work in the garden.

Classes make decorations out of household garbage. Paper rolls become festive napkin rings, magazines are turned into paper chains, and egg cartons are transformed into silver bells.

Students from Kilgour elementary in Richmond make Christmas decorations from scrap materials.

Children know there is no better gift than that of a green planet. To learn more about reducing waste or about the No Time To Waste program, contact the Greater Vancouver Regional District at 432-6339. As part of the Creating Our Future initiatives, the GVRD is committed to reducing and recycling solid waste.

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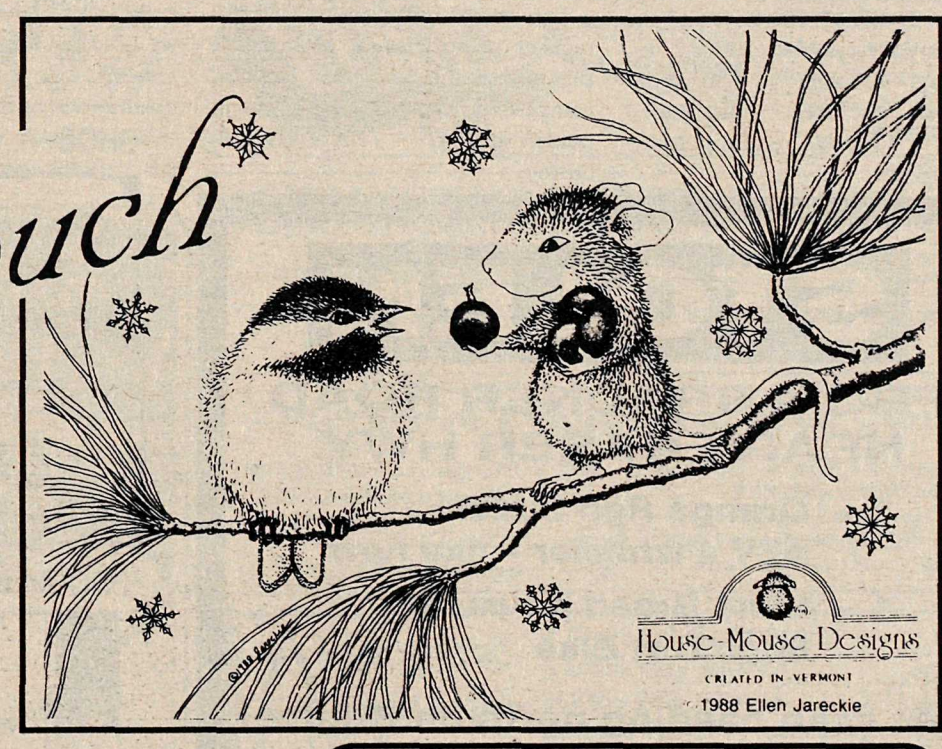

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College puts horse lovers on right track

LANGLEY - Kwantlen College is off to the races with four winter courses you can bet on. Horse owners, grooms, trainers and people thinking of buying a horse will all benefit from the sound advice provided by Kwantlen instructor and veterinarian Dr. J.S. Gilray.

Focusing on four different aspects of horse-care, Gilray starts with "Basic Veterinary Care" on Thursday, January 21, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Eastleigh Block, Rear - 20614 Eastleigh Crescent in Langley. The cost is $20.

In addition to identifying common diseases and their symptoms, Gilray says, "This course makes people aware of the routine vaccinations, worming and dentistry programs that are needed to keep the horse healthy."

The "Conformation and Lameness" course which follows covers the cause, diagnosis and treatment of lameness. The session runs on Thursday, January 28, 7 to 10 p.m., at the Eastleigh Block, for $30.

"Horses tend to be accident prone," he says. "They can step on a nail, twist a leg when jumping, or run into a wheelbarrow in the barn. Many things that happen to horses don't happen to other animals in terms of injuries and lameness. Yet horses must be fit because they are usually expected to carry someone."

Fit also means giving your horse a proper diet - the focus of the third course called "Equine Nutrition". This session runs on Thursday, February 4, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Eastleigh Block. The cost is $20.

"This is a discussion of recommended feeding practices as they relate to the work the horse is doing. Beginners will find that taking notes during this lecture will be far more advantageous than randomly picking up information through visits from the vet and conversations with other horse owners."

"First Aid for Your Horse" workshop is the final course. It runs on Thursday, February 11, 7 to 10 p.m., at the Kwantlen College Farrier Shop, 5950 Glover Road, Langley. The cost is $30.

Here, participants will learn the theory of emergency treatment as well as see practical demonstrations of bandaging and treatment of injuries. "This is definitely a self-help course," says Gilray. "We teach people how to cope in emergency situations as well as how to recognize when professional help is needed."

Although none of these programs are intended to be substitute for the veterinarian, they are designed to help beginners avoid needless calls to the vet as well as unnecessary pitfalls and disasters. People are invited to participate in any one or all of the courses. The cost for attending all four classes is $95.

For more information, or to register using Visa or Mastercard, please call the Kwantlen Newton campus at 599-2905. Or register in person at 13479 - 77th Avenue in Surrey.

Farmers confer

LANGLEY - The eighth annual National Farmers' Direct Marketing Conference takes place in Portland, Oregon, January 28 to 30.

Langley township spokesperson, Linda Swaine said that agriculture in Langley has increased 32 percent in value over the past five years. She suggests that farmers take an interest in the conference because, "We have many farms in Langley that could improve their bottom line with better marketing."

For information call Swaine at 533-6057.

Christmas hours

FORT LANGLEY - The National Historic Site will be making minor adjustments to its winter operating hours for the period Dec. 24, 1992 - Jan. 3, 1993. They will be open only Dec. 29 - 31 during this period.

Normal winter schedule will resume Monday, Jan. 4. Fort Langley National Historic Site is open to the public Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. For information or to book a group tour, call 888-4424.

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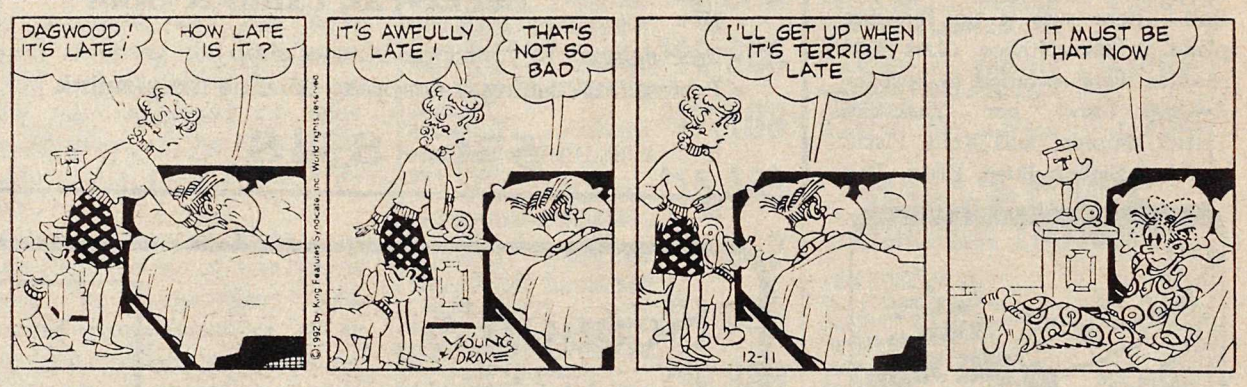

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Albert and Bunny (Lillian Bernice) Ledoux celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, last Thursday in Aldergrove. The couple were wed at the height of the Second World War, Dec. 17, 1942, in Saskatchewan, while both were serving in the armed forces. Al was born in Winnipeg and Bunny hails from Tisdale, just south of Regina.

Their only child, Rosalie was born while Al served with the R.C. Dragoons at various European fronts, and Bunny was with the CWAC, and Al never saw his daughter until the war was over. After a short stint, working in Ontario, the family headed west and have called B.C. home ever since. The couple came to Aldergrove five years ago to be near their daughter, grandchildren Dean and Lisa and great-grandchildren Chantelle and Chad.

The retired couple are active in local activities such as the Aldergrove Veterans' Society and Players Bingo Hall. Al, who uses a motorized scooter, is also an advocate for improved pedestrian services in the Aldergrove community and continues to campaign for traffic lights at the 273 Street-Fraser Highway intersection. Hopefully, some of the politicians who sent greetings will heed Al's message. -Kurt Langmann photo

A reason and season to be just plain happy

By Rev. PAUL A. PHILLIPS,
Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church

"Merry Christmas!" Everyone says "Merry Christmas" at this time of year. Whenever that greeting is used it carries with it the wish that those to whom it is spoken will be happy.

But just saying the words "Merry Christmas" won't make you or anyone else happy. I cannot order you to have a merry Christmas. I cannot pay you to have a merry Christmas although many people feel that if enough gifts are given or received that happiness will be assured. Very simply, if you are going to be happy, you need a reason for that happiness.

What is it that makes us happy in this blessed season? We think of all that comes to our house at Christmas. The cards and gifts bring with them a certain happiness. The realization that the family will come together also brings a certain happiness.

Someone else is coming too. Do we always recognize him? How often do you see the manger scene, be it on T.V., in the mall, on Christmas cards. Each time we see that, it should be a reminder to us of the reason for Christmas joy. The one who comes is none other than God's own Son. God becomes man. Jesus came to Bethlehem to become part of our world. He came to be our Savior and assure us that the victory over sin has been won. He came to do for us, what we ourselves could not do, make us right with God. He is the one who fought against sin and death for us, and joy of joys, He won the victory.

There is the reason for our happiness at Christmas. It is found in the Babe of Bethlehem. In Christ, have a "Merry CHRISTmas!"

Cradle, cross and crown: greatest story ever told

By MUN HOPE

Nearly two thousand years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. The record of His life and His finished work became the greatest story ever told.

It can be summarized briefly by three powerful words, which are still challenging the hearts of thinking men and women all over the world, during this Holiday season.

They are (1) the Cradle, (2) the Cross and (3) the Crown.

First of all, the Cradle reminds us of Emmanuel, meaning "God with us." God came to this planet Earth personally in the very body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even doubting Thomas recognized Him and acknowledged Him as "Lord and God." He was born in a stable and cradled in a manger.

Secondly, the Cross is a very familiar symbol, being worn sometimes as an ornament, or used regularly in connection with some religious ceremony. However, the true significance of the Cross of Calvary and the death of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins needs to be personally understood and applied to each individual life.

The apostle John tells the believer in no uncertain terms, that the "Blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." This means that if a person becomes a believer, he is instantaneously made as clean and pure as the Lord Jesus Himself, as far as his personal standing before God is concerned.

The very moment that a sinner sees his totally sinful condition; and acknowledges the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour and Lord, he becomes the possessor of eternal life as an outright gift from God.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Thirdly the Crown of thorns has long since been replaced by the Crown of Glory and Honour, after His bodily resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into Heaven. It is a reminder that the work of the Lord Jesus was completed at Calvary; and that if there was any sin to be held against the believer, the Lord Jesus Christ could not have been raised from the dead.

Think of the Cradle, the Cross and the Crown; and crown Him the lord of your life, and soul and all.

It was the brilliant, affectionate physician Dr. Luke who gave us the first recorded words of the Lord Jesus Christ when he came to this earth.

"How is it that ye sought me?" said the Lord Jesus, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

The good doctor faced storm, heat, cold, evil, and death itself to tend the sick and to pass on the inspiring message: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Such is the never ending story of the Cradle, the Cross and the Crown, in the lives and souls of a countless number of believers.

For further information, look up the passages in Luke 2:49, Luke 2:11, Acts 9:36 to 42, and Acts 16:14.

Helping those in need

Helping the needy have a better Christmas, Aldergrove Elks donated $500 to Aldergrove Food Bank volunteer Joy Clements last week. The Elks remind all of us to pitch in and help the less fortunate over this cold season, and they also wish each and every one of us a merry Christmas and happy new year.

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Aldergrove Alliance Church
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26245 - 28th Avenue
Office: #1-27094 Fraser Hwy., Aldergrove, B.C.
Pastor David McCarthy 856-3447
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Multi-million-dollar cut difficult for dairy farms

OTTAWA - The latest cuts in the federal budget of $24-million to the dairy subsidy will create serious difficulties for many farmers. "We recognize the fact that fiscal restraint is forcing us to tighten our belts too, but the government could have chosen better timing in light of the uncertainty surrounding the GATT negotiations" said Louis Balcaen, president of Dairy Farmers of Canada. DFC is the national lobby group representing 31,000 milk and cream producers from across Canada.

"The dairy industry is currently examining all the challenges ahead because of changing consumer tastes and proposed changes to international trade rules. The next few years of transition will be critical to the evolution of the dairy industry, and we will need government support to effect these changes and create a more market-responsive and competitive industry. This is not a good time for the government to force us to do more with less", said Balcaen.

Finance minister Don Mazankowski announced on December 2, 1992, that agricultural subsidies would be cut back by 10% from their actual levels. The consumer subsidy, which was instituted to moderate the price that consumers pay for dairy products, will be cut from the current level of $6.03 per hectolitre to $5.43 per hectolitre for the next two federal fiscal years. Said Balcaen, "The amount of this consumer subsidy has not changed from $6.03 per hectolitre since it was implemented in the mid-1970s. Moreover, the subsidy has not contributed to the growing federal deficit as the actual amount paid to dairy producers has been decreasing since 1988, from a high of $286-million to the current $238-million".

Officials from Agriculture minister Bill McKnight's office said that it will be up to the Canadian Dairy Commission to determine how to make the cuts over the next 28 months. The CDC is the crown corporation authorized to administer the direct payment to producers of industrial milk, that which is made into products such as yogurt, cheese and ice cream.

As a result of this reduction in the direct payment, the commission will have to raise support prices so that producers can recover the $0.60 per hectolitre from the market place. The commission sets support prices for butter and skim milk powder, to provide a mechanism whereby producers can achieve the target price for their milk.

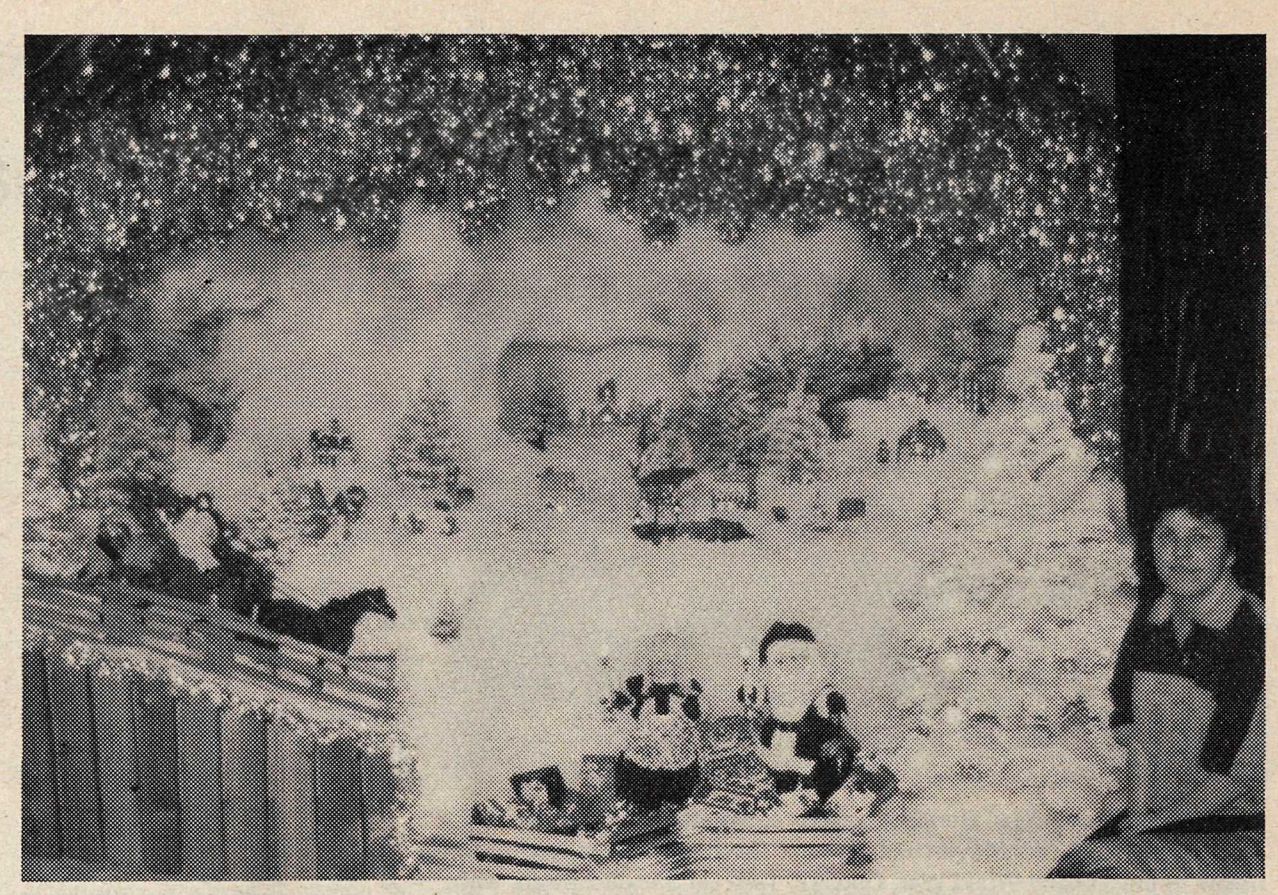
The target price, also established by the CDC, is the price paid to efficient milk producers to provide a return that will cover their labour, investment and cash costs in the production of industrial milk. Set annually on August 1 and revised each February if necessary, the target price has increased only 9 percent since 1985, while the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items purchased by consumers has climbed by 32 percent over this same period.

"The returns paid to dairy producers have risen more slowly than the CPI for the last seven years. Combine this with the annual quota cuts in MSQ and we have a serious situation for producers of industrial milk," concluded Balcaen.

Marketing on agenda

LANGLEY - The Marketing Group's next meeting is Thursday, January 7, 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Old Country Inn, 20598 Fraser Highway. Host is Klaus Ritter.

The agenda of the tourism promotion organization includes their visitors guide, spring home show and Langley's 12-month events promotion. The public is welcome to attend.



Wendy Scoville delights in her annual preparation of a Christmas village scene that just keeps growing. The Nova Scotia born and New Brunswick raised woman now makes this area her home, but still believes there's nothing like a maritimes Christmas. -Kurt Langmann photo

New seminar advises first time investors

SURREY - The Fraser Valley Real Estate Board announce a new addition to its series of free public seminars. First Time Investor is the board's initial attempt to target those who would like to start buying real estate investment properties. Whether it be a second home to rent out or buying property to hold for investment purposes, there are many important aspects of investment property a beginner does not know. The first time investor seminar addresses many of these unknowns.

A two-panel format will feature a financial expert who will address the financial criteria of investing as well as an investment realtor who will offer information on investing methodology and safeguards, and who will help you decide if you should or shouldn't invest.

A question and answer period will follow the panel presentations. Light refreshments will be served.

The seminar will be held at the board office building at 15463 104 Avenue, Surrey, January 28, at 7 p.m. Space is limited. To register, call 588-6555.

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Traditional theme chosen for new apartment living

ALDERGROVE - The Willowcreek Estates is a unique project in this community, aimed at retired or older couples who want the convenience of apartment condominium living with a country atmosphere.

The 169 unit project, comprising five apartment buildings and a community hall, will only take up 22 percent of the eight acre area, nestled along Bertrand Creek in the town core. The residents will have free access to over six acres of secure common area, which includes the small, but fish-spawning Willow Creek, and lush landscaping.

The project has been on the backburner for a couple years, but landowner Sylvia Achtem and Quorum Construction head, Roberto Bosa have decided that this is the right time for a quality project to get into high gear. Project spokesman Allan Achtem says there has already been healthy interest from prospective buyers who have visited the site trailer at 27358 - 32 Avenue. Although the group has not yet put the development in the hands of realtors for marketing, they are prepared to sell some of the first phase of 27 units at a four percent discount on the average $138,000 price range.

Achtem emphasizes the quality construction that the Bosa family is known for, as well as the quality of the plans that have been drawn for the entire community. He said his wife, Sylvia chose the west coast Victorian theme that will embrace the entire development.

Allan Achtem says there's a lot of buyer interest in the long-awaited Willowcreek Estates project, an adults-only apartment condominium complex just east of Aldergrove Mall. The first phase of the 169 unit project is scheduled for completion before spring. -Kurt Langmann photo

Convenience is also a feature, as Willowcreek is adjacent to Aldergrove Mall and near to all services such as medical and dental offices. With security gates at the 32 Avenue main entrance (the Fraser Highway entrance is strictly for emergency vehicles), a fenced perimeter, secured underground parking and storage, and fire sprinkler systems, safety is assured for all residents. Superior soundproofing designs are used throughout, too. RV and guest vehicle parking will also be available outdoors.

Each apartment building will have three storeys, with each two or three bedroom unit on its own floor, and offers elevators as well as stairs. Spacious balconies will augment the fine views that each unit is designed to provide. As well as the common recreation centre, each building offers its own common recreation area on each floor.

Achtem points out that only quality wood is used in construction, including exterior sheathing that's only plywood, not pressboard, and first quality studs. "We're giving our buyers the very best we can provide," said Achtem. Vinyl siding and brick-accent heritage window trim, along with double-glazed windows, complete the quality that will be visible from the outside.

The interior quality will be the best, too. With designer selected materials throughout, spacious kitchens with European cabinetry, five appliances, vertical blinds, gas fireplace with mantle, and even polished brass levered door handles, each home will be a showcase.

Achtem said their showcase suite will be open shortly, as the fair weather has enabled the project to be on-time and within budget. In the meantime, enquiries are directed to the site trailer; call 856-1326.

Transit workers paid well

In 1991, sixty-three BC Transit employees represented by ICTU earned more than $60,000, with the top paid mechanic making $109,229 and the top paid bus driver receiving $75,164.

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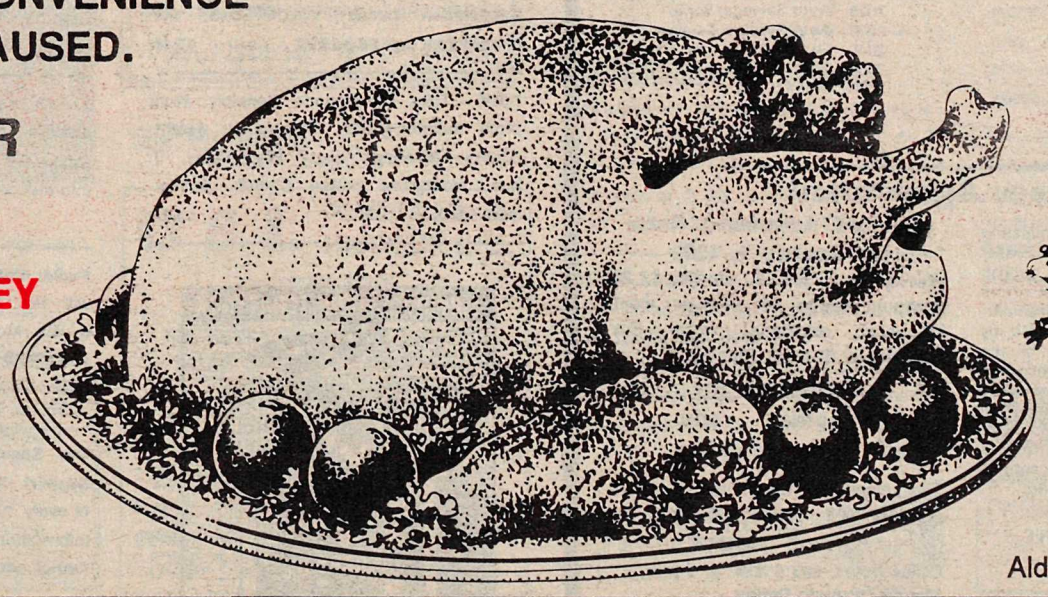

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1. Announcements

130. Cards of Thanks

On Dec. 10, 1992, we lost Kay Wandler, a very loving and understanding lady. Mother of 3 and wife of 49 years, and many family members that shall never forget her.

We, the immediate family would like to express our thanks to all that paid respects with us at Hendersons funeral home and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

A special thank-you to the "ladies" at the park, Father John McCarthy.

God bless, Tony Wandler.

140. Community/Coming Events

Aldergrove United Church, 2623-272 St., would like to invite all children in the community to attend Church School. Time is 10:30 am-11:30am Sunday mornings. P.S. Parents are invited to attend church at the same time! 38-tf

B.C. Old Time Fiddlers Branch #5 Dance. First Friday every month, Sept. to June. Place: **Fleetwood Community Hall,** 8415 - 160 St., Surrey. 8 pm - 12 midnight. Admission $3. **434-4033 or 581-4924.** 34tf

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 Edith* **530-9826.** 38-tf

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Many exciting opportunities to work with teens are available with **The Boys' and Girls' Club** of Aldergrove. For more information call Scott at **856-0191** 5-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 of any Commonwealth Navy is invited to attend any meeting. For more information please contact Les Lesiuk, **853-2788** or Dan Norgaard, **853-5326.** 8-tf

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

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Non-profit support group for sensible weight control. Meetings every Wednesday, 7 p.m. Aldergrove United Church. Susan. **856-6075.** 13-tf

140. Community/Coming Events

ALDERGROVE FOOD BANK
Please send donations to:
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OPPORTUNITIES KNOCK SO OPEN THE DOOR! The Aldergrove Youth I.M.P.A.C.T. Club is now offering the award-winning Opportunities Program which gives young people between the ages of 13 and 18 pre-employment and lifeskills training. For more information call **SEAN, LISA** or **RICHARD** at **856-0191.** Open your door to opportunities! 28-tf

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

Fraser Valley Science of Mind meeting 7:30 Friendship House, **2478 McCallum Rd.** 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month. Positive living concepts. All welcome. Eves. **862-4082, 854-1318.** 4-tf

AUXILIARY to Upper Fr. Valley
Neurological Society
NEED FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS
2 - 4 hours / month
Proceeds go to Fraser Valley
Child Development Centre
852-8637 or 826-2411

180. Meetings

Baha'i faith meets every Fri. evening, all welcome, for info call Susan, **856-8263** 42tf

The Aldergrove Agricultural Association's monthly meetings 1st Thursday of the month. 7:30 p.m. **Aldergrove arena meeting room.** 37-tf

Evening Bridge Club meets weekly in the **O.A.P. 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. **856-4562.** 4-tf

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday morning, 9:15 a.m. at **Kinsmen Community Centre** For more info please call **856-8287.** 40-tf

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

Parent Connection: Self help support for parents of acting up teens. Meets weekly.For information on orientation-information session phone **588-5432.** 36-tf

Fraser Valley Science of Mind meetings with Rev. Lorne McLean as speaker. 2nd & 4th Monday every month, 7:30 p.m. Friendship House, McCallum Rd., Abbotsford. All welcome. Phone **856-5954.** 19-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

180. Meetings

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

Afternoon Bridge Club meets in **O.A.P. Hall, 273rd St.,** Monday 1 - 4 p.m. All welcome. Any level of skill or age. Admission $1. Free coffee. Prizes. 43-tf

The Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club meet th 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.** 10-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 Bill at **856-0717.** We welcome new members. 24-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

Emotions Anonymous It's Never Too Late To Laugh/Live. A 12-step program. People helping people. Come join us Tuesdays at **Aldergrove United Church,** 7:30 p.m. **2623 - 272 St., 856-8925.** 24-tf

The regular monthly meeting of the **Fraser Valley Rock and Gem Club** is held the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the O.A.P. Hall, **273rd St. off Fraser Hwy.,** Aldergrove. Visitors welcome. For info phone **853-2118 or 534-6996.** 2-tf

We have re-grouped; a daytime support meeting is being held for those suffering myalgic encephalomyelitis (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Epstein Barr Virus) every 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Boundary Health Unit, **13674 Grosvenor Road, North Surrey.** Everyone welcome. For more info. call Val **589-2214** or Janet **590-3526.** 24-tf

2. Personals

210. Miscellaneous

Father & sister seek information and/or contact with Carmen nee Service, born Dec. 29/87 at Nanaimo, B.C. **370-1001,** collect. 52-4

Surrey Support Services for Women, one to one counselling/group sessions and pre-employment assistance. Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., phone no. **597-4741.** No charge for services. 40-tf

We are **BIG on FRIENDSHIP** and proud of our **Big Brothers.** However there are still 40 boys waiting. Call today and volunteer to be a friend - **530-5055.** 7-tf

MEDITATION GROUP meets alternate Thursdays.For details call **859-9042.** 2-tf

For marriage counselling call **VALLEY COUNSELLING SERVICES. 853-9476.** 3-tf

210. Miscellaneous

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

Parents together: Self help/support for parents troubled by the acting-up behavior of their teenagers. Groups can offer suport and problem solving ideas for positive changes in the family. For information on free orientation information session call the **Parents Line 588-5432.** 6-tf

Is a relative or friend's drinking affecting you? **Try AL-ANON. 856-3648 - 857-0115 - 688-1716.** 2tf

Fraser Valley Pregnancy Centre Aldergrove. An unexpected pregnancy? We can help. Confidential free pregnancy test. Open Mon. Wed. Thurs. 11 am-8 pm. **856-9151.** 7-tf

POST ABORTION SYNDROME - Are you one of its victims? There is hope and help. Trained counsellors will take your call 24hours a day (604) **640-7171.**
ABORTION RECOVERY CANADA 24-tf

LaLeche League of Aldergrove/Langley Mothers who wish to breast feed their babies will find encouragement and information at Aldergrove LaLeche meetings. 2nd Thursday of each month. 7:30 p.m. at **Langley.** Nursing babies welcome. For information call **Health Unit, 856-5000.** 15-tf

If you have a drinking problem call **Alcoholics Anonymous. 856-8422 - 857-0023.** 2-tf

A free pregnancy test. Results in 30 minutes. No appointment needed. Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7 - 9 p.m. Every 2nd Saturday 10 - 12:30 by appointment. **#5 - 4404 - 200B St.** (behind Royal Bank, Brookswood) Langley. **533-3736.**
27995 49-tf

230. Business Personals

Tarot, asterick, palmistry, personal consultations, near Abbotsford Airport. **855-4141.** 48-4

Pregnant Teen Support Group offered by **Langley Family Services.** Free and confidential. Thursday 2- 4 p.m. For more information phone **534-7921.** 39-tf

3. Lost & Found

Lost Nov. 25 black lab spayed female, 16th & 264 St., **856-9760.** 48-4

4. Legals

Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Health
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by me:- **DARREN ADAM URSEL** of 2983 - 268A St., Box 814, Aldergrove, B.C. V0X 1A0 to change my name from **URSEL, DARREN ADAM** to **DIXON DARREN ADAM.**

Dated this
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Signature of applicant.

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5. Service Directory

504. Beauty & Health

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544. Legal Services

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554. Miscellaneous Services

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6. Childcare /Daycare

620. Childcare Required

Childcare needed Jan., Tues, Wed., Thurs. 8:30 - 5:30, our home, trans. required. Debbie **856-8500.** 52-3

After school care needed for an 8 yr. old boy. Ross school area, for Jan/93. **856-7347.** 48-4

640. Childcare Services

N/S mom will babysit, my home, next to Ald. Elem. School. **857-0286.** 51-4

N/S mom of 2 will provide TLC for young infant, p/t, early weekdays. **856-4477** 51-4

Quality childcare in caring family environment. Exp. mom with CPR, first-aid & ref., Linda, **856-6023** 50-4

Christian mother of 4 will babysit. Fenced-in yard. Country setting. Sylvia. **856-5645.** 31-tf

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660. Daycare Centers

Pebble Beach Children's Centre
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8. Jobs

810. Jobs Available

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Exp. help on horse farm, live in, Ald., **856-5986.** 50-2

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109605 **22-tf**

820. Work Wanted

Need a car stereo or alarm installed for Xmas? Reas. rates. Mark, **856-7466.** 50-2

Reg. welder looking for weeknight or weekend work. **856-1799** 49-4

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12. Livestock

1210. Boarding

Horse boarding $75., 200 acres Derby Reach trails, stream, paddock & turnout. Fort Langley, **882-1762.** 50-2

1230. Feed & Hay

1st cut local grown hay $2.25 a bale. **856-0741 or 856-1310.** 51-2

Hay $2.50 a bale, 1st cut. **856-2210.** 51-4.

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1250. Lessons / Training

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1260. Livestock Sale / Lease

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13. Pets/ Poultry

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Sealpoint Siamese kittens, long hair, 1st shots & dewormed, very playful & litter trained, 8 wks old, $130., **857-0266.** 50-3

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14. For Sale

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Fridge sale and repairs, will buy used. **856-4464** 40-tf

1415. Arts & Crafts

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1430. Bicycles

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1435. Camera/Photography

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1450. Fuel

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1455. Furniture

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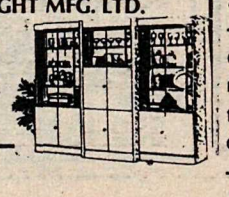

1470. Miscellaneous

Aldergrove Thrift Shop, 2981-272 St., **856-5292,** 1 complete single bed, gd. cond. $25., upholstered chairs $10., kitchen chairs $2., crib mattresses $5., car seats $5., 2 bikes $5./ea., lamps & fixtures, Christmas items left over. A merry Christmas & happy new year from all the workers. 51-tf

1985 KTM 500 Mx/C, 2 helmets, boots, gloves etc. $2,000., must sell, make an offer. **856-0820.** 51-4

Woodstove, Schrader, free standing/with pipes and screen, $75., **856-6531.** 51-2

Colonial style couch & chair, floral pattern, $120., **856-5046** 50-2

286 computer 30 meg. harddrive, UGA monitor, incl, WP 5.1, Lotus 1,2,3, $750., **856-6562.** 50-3

Dry firewood, 12 ton metal feed bin. **856-8650** evenings. 50-2

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12 sheets of vertical sidings, 4x8, $25. obo, **857-1228.** 50-2

Moving sale, hshld. items, Oak dining set w/6 chairs, like new, $450.; 1989 Estro Van; 1986 GMC Chevy p/u; Pipes- 40 ft.; Alum. water gun sprinkler; **856-9347.** 50-4

Homemade cabbage rolls, perogi, Xmas pudding, tarts etc. Order now for Xmas, also "T.V." dinners. Granny's Homestead, **856-0622.** Proceeds go for FREE Xmas dinner for needy. 49-3

Pair of drapes, beige w/foam back, almost new, $50., pair of end tables, oak, $10/ea. **530-4465.** 49-4

3 plots, Valley View Cemetery, Surrey, value $2,400, sell for $1,800 obo. **856-6037.** 49-4

Remodelling sale, curtains, carpets, kitchen cupboards, stove, fridge, interior door, alum. windows, etc. **859-9493** 49-4

Kimball Swinger 500 organ, $300., trundle bed $50., VW Rabbit tires on rims $10., Naturally grown Christmas trees $8-$10., obo, **856-4466.** 49-3

8 ft. railway ties, $6.50 each, **852-5757.** 49-4

Black pine wood burning f/p insert, gd. cond., $350. Coffee & end table $250. for pair, **857-8898.** 49-4

2 painted dressers, exc. cond., dark & light pink. $85. (could be sold separately) **856-7655.** 49-3

Large oak frame 60 gal. aquarium, incl. acces. $200., **856-9176.** 49-4

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1470. Miscellaneous

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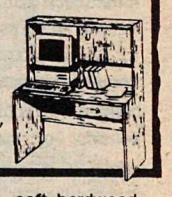

Cedar chests, solid cedar, soft hardwood top. Special lock. Can be seen at 2529 - 264 St., Call first, **856-2608** 48-4

Nintendo games, $25. - $35., 2 game boy games, $20. each, **856-7107.** 48-4

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Boys (14-15) ski suit, exc. shape, $50., misc. ski equip. **856-2629.** 48-4

Black & Decker electric lawn mower, with bag. Used one season $100., Exercise bike with timer $40., 40 yd. bolt drapery fabric (gold/beige colors) $25., Oak-look end table $25., Fireplace screen, black & brass $20., , 852-0980 47-tf

Boys ice skates - CCM ULTRA TACK Size 4-1/2. **856-5453.** 16-tf

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15. Wanted

1530. Miscellaneous

Valor gas fireplace, TV converter, sheers for bay window, **856-6692.** 50-3

Wanted train set and scenery, **530-0597** 50-2

Wanted very gd. juicer, smaller dehydrater, adapter from 8 track to cass., **856-0816.** 50-3

Wanted, antiques, furniture, collectibles, paintings, jewelry, & good old junk. **856-0272.** 49-4

Wanted to buy, H.D. tandem utility trailer to carry 7,000 lbs. **856-3027.** 49-4

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1560. Swap

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Small 1 bdrm house in Bradner. Fridge & stove, no pets, $450./mth. Avail Jan. 1, **856-2964.** 51-2

2 bdrm ground floor, n/p, n/s, n/d, close to park, Fleetwood area, $680. plus 1/3 hydro. **599-5302** 51-4

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Roomy and clean 2 bdrm home, Ald., lrg. lot, garage & small shop, 3 appl., $865., **858-7660.** 50-2

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Private entrance, 1 bdrm. bsmt. suite, avail. Jan. 1, $550., incl. util., **856-8830.** 50-4

Roomy and clean 2 bdrm home in Ald. close to amenities. Lrg. lot, garage, shop, 3 appl., avail. immed. $865., **858-7660.** 49-3

2 bdrm. apt., 2 yrs old, $650., **857-1231 or 538-0294.** 49-4

Home in country, 3 bdrm, fridge, stove, incl., wood air tight in finished bsmt. Avail. Jan. 1, $1,000/mth., or can be rented w/barn & acreage. **856-6670** 49-4

Shared accommodation in family home. Fridge & microwave in room. Stove, w/d avail. $300/mth or $400 w/board. **856-5175.** 49-4

1 bdrm suite on acreage, $450/mth. or work off a portion of your rent. n/s, **856-4853.** 49-3

1660. For Rent

1 bdrm bsmt. suite, light & heat & laundry facil. incl., n/s, n/d, no pets. $450., **856-6658.** 49-3

Lrg. bright 2 bdrm bsmt. suite incl. w/d; n/s, n/p, $650. incl. hydro, **856-3078.** 49-4

2 bdrm ground floor, n/p, n/s, n/d, close to park, Fleetwood area $680. plus 1/3 hydro, **599-5302.** 51-2

2 bdrm suite, 4 appl. $575., will rebate $50. per mth. for maint., Clearbrook, Avail. immed. n/d, n/s, **850-6988or 853-4243** 51-2

3 bdrm townhouse family complex, 5 appl, close to schools & shopping, avail. Jan. 1, $785., **856-1360** 51-2

Aldergrove 3 bdrm mobile, 20 acres, fenced, private. Horses, trucks? $1,150. ref. req. Avail Dec. 15. 1-546-2821.
10997951-4

2 1/2 acres, 2 bdrm, bsmt, creek, fireplace, appliances, damage deposit, 25898 - 60 Ave., Ald., $850/mth. **856-5483.** 48-4

bdrm, private entrance, f/s, w/d, $450. incl. util. n/s please, **856-1118.** 48-4

Downtown Ald., 3 bdrm home, lge. backyard, fireplace, avail. Dec. 31, **856-3675.** 48-4

Suite in country setting for Dec. 1, $400., incl. util, 1 or 2 people, **856-6219.** 48-4

New 2 bdrm bsmt suite, n/s, n/p, avail. Jan. 1, $600. **856-1574** 48-4

1680. Shared Accommodation

Working male or female to share lrg. modern home, Ald., no pets, $350. plus 1/2 util., **856-9005.** 50-2

17. Real Estate

1750. Homes for Sale

1300 sq. ft. rancher, 3 bdrm with ensuite, large lot, fences, close to school, $169,900. **857-5276**eves. 51-2

1760. Mobile Homes

12' x 44' Skyline 2 bdrm mobile home, $8,000., obo. Phone **856-7358**after 6 p.m. 51-3

1780 Property Wanted

Couple looking to buy 1 to 5 acres in north Langley or Aldergrove if possible. No agents please, ASAP, **888-4070.**
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18. Machinery /Equipment

75 h.p. 4 wheel drive Ford tractor, hydraulic blade, post pounder, auger incl., **856-0112** 50-4

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19. Boats

18.5 ft. Cuddy-cab Sangster, Marine exp., new top, new paint job, $12,500. **856-2637.** 50-4

20. Automotive

2010. Auto Parts

Wanted to buy slant 6 motor to fit 1977 Dodge van, **856-9199.** 51-4

Size 13 snow tires on rims, exc. cond. $60. obo, **856-2198.** 50-4

2 radial snow tires, P195/75 R14, 80%, $25. pair, **856-0014.** 50-3

GM or Chev 3.73 posi carrier for 12 bolt, $80. cash. **854-3995.** 48-4

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2040. Campers/Trailers

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2050. Cars

1987 Suzuki Samurai, A-1 cond., $4,800.
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1987 Firebird, red, A-1 cond. AirCare passed, am/fm cassette, good mech. $4,400.
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DI 8686 10989237-tf

1981 Datsun B210, 2 dr., 4 spd., needs muffler, otherwise runs great, $850. obo, **856-2773.** 51-3

1985 Toyota Corolla 4 dr, 5 spd., p/s, p/b, clean car, $2,900. **857-2242.** 51-2

1974 Chev Impala, 2 dr., 350 auto., winter beater, drive away, $125. **856-7210** 51-2

1980 Toyota Corolla, very gd. running cond., 4 dr., new tires, auto., $1,500 obo. **856-4655.** 51-3

1985 Chev Celebrity, 6 cyl, 4 dr., gd. cond., must sell $900. obo, **856-5643** 51-2

1990 Nissan Micra, 2 dr, 5 spd, white, 57,000 km., $3,800., **857-2242.** 51-2

1981 Oldsmobile Omega V-6, 4 dr, auto., 90,000 km, very clean car, $1,400. **857-2242.** 10997750-2

2050. Cars

1973 Challenger 340, rebuilt 727 shift kit, new brakes, lots of spare parts, $2,900. **856-1346.** 50-3

1980 Honda Accord, 4 dr., 1 owner, ex. cond. 5 spd., $950. obo, **856-5001.** 50-2

1980 Toyota Corolla, runs gd. $800. obo, **855-0929,** Joe, 50-2

1981 VW Rabbit diesel, 4 dr., 5 spd., exc. cond., runs great, no rust, $2,500. **856-1123.** 50-3

1981 Honda Civic, 5 spd, AirCare approved $1,500. **856-2403** 49-4

1983 Ford Escort, gd. cond., no rust, engine needs work. **856-1705.** 49-4

1976 Mustang, needs work, $200. **856-7516.** 49-4

1966 Beaumont turbo 400, trans., no motor, $700. obo, **534-8679or856-0756.** 48-4

1973 Eldorado. Was running until large tree fell across hood. Has dented fender and broken windshiled. Green two door. Engine, tranny, interior OK. 501 cu inch engine. $450 as is. **534-8268 or 857-2320** 8-tf

2070. RVs

1978 Ford 20 ft. M.H. auto. roof/dash air, gen. rear bunks, Class C $8,900.
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2080. Trucks

1985 Dodge Ram 50 p/u, auto. A-1 cond., with canopy, AirCare passed, $3,500.
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1991 Chev S10, V6, 5 spd, midnight metallic blue, box liner, nose bra, tinted glass & cellular, $10,500. obo, **857-1641.** 51-4

1979 Dodge 1/2 ton, 4 spd. p/u with canopy & cattle rack. Gd. cond., exc. farm truck, $1,500, **576-0001** 50-3

1989 Ford F150 short box, Ext Lariat, loaded, B/B, low mi., $16,000., **856-8783.** 50-4

1976 Chev 1/2 tonp/u, fiberglass canopy, gd. tires, offers. **856-2369.** 50-2

1972 Datsun p/u, offers, phone after 6 p.m., **856-4178.** 49-4

1982 Chev Blazer 4x4, air, tilt, cruise, like new, $6,000 firm. **435-5905.** 49-4

1989 GMC 15 p/u. Canopy & alignment, under 60,000 km, $7,500 obo, **857-9117.** 49-4

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New procedures

TORONTO - National Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek has introduced initiatives to change the way Revenue Canada does business.

"Currently, businesses have to deal separately with several different components of Revenue Canada: GST, Income Tax, Excise and Customs," said Jelinek. "Dovetailing these separate components of Revenue Canada into one will cut red tape, overlap and duplication, reduce compliance burden and generate savings that will be measured in tons of paper and millions of dollars for business."

Speaking here to the Canadian Importers Association and later to the Canadian Tax Foundation, Jelinek outlined the government's New Business Relationship Initiative which he had announced on September 16.

Plan consists of an eight-point program to streamline the revenue administration and includes the following proposals:

* an integrated approach to GST, Income Tax and source deduction audits;
* improved accessibility through 130 offices of Customs, Taxation and GST/Excise across Canada to obtain information, make payments and acquire forms;
* a single registration number for businesses when dealing with Revenue Canada and eventually with any department of the federal government;
* enabling businesses to make a single remittance for GST, Customs and Income Tax;

Obituaries

JOHNSON, Ralph Carlyle passed away December 16th, 1992 at the age of 86 years. He is survived by his loving family, wife Marion; sons, Bob (Iris) of Fort St. John, Don of Forest Grove, B.C., Jack (Peggy) of Lorette, Manitoba, Rick (Pat) of Stonewall, Manitoba, and Jim of Winnipeg; daughters, Audrey Smith (Matthew) of North Vancouver, Onalee MacQuinn (Mark) of Forest Grove, B.C. and Nancy Van Horne (Garth) of Winnipeg; niece Carol Smith of Dauphin, Manitoba, and nephew Gary Johnson of Nanaimo; 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday Dec. 21st, 1992 at First Memorial Funeral Services Chapel, Abbotsford.

MUFFORD - Elsie May, passed away peacefully on December 18, 1992 at Maple Hill Extended care, at the age of 85 years. Predeceased by her loving husband, John Reginald in 1975. Elsie had resided in the Langley area for over 60 years. Survived by one son, Gordon (Helen); 2 grand-daughters: Susan (Tom) Latter, Abbotsford, and Karolyn (Rod) McLeod, Port Coquitlam; 3 great-grandchildren: Ian, Shelby and Kaleigh. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 23 at 1 p.m. from the Chapel of Henderson's Langley Funeral Home, 20786 Fraser Hwy., Langley, Rev. Cal Chambers officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Red Cross, 400-4710 Kingsway, Burnaby, would be appreciated. Henderson's Langley 530-6488.

What's wrong with us anyhow?

By FRANK OGDEN

North Americans often pride themselves in their version of democracy. "Everybody's equal," is the political cry. That simply isn't true.

Our own caste system may be the cause of our decline in the new world order. Consider how we view people by job classification. The factory sweeper is 'common labor' and gets paid minimum wage or close to it. Guys and gals on the factory floor are 'blue-collar workers' paid by the hour. Office workers are 'white or pink collar' and receive a fixed salary. Engineers and computer programmers are classified as 'nerds'. Without any of the above the operation would quickly come to a halt, yet that vision doesn't seem to penetrate management. They see that work force as flexible, meaning the quantity of that work force can be increased or decreased as demand requires. Much like increasing or decreasing the plant's electrical power requirements. This effect on attitude is disastrous.

In many ivory towers in North America it is more lucrative, and long-lasting to move into management, finance or marketing. And, increasingly the best minds have been traveling in that direction. It wasn't always thus: During America's best times - the period of the 1950s and 1960s, veterans from World War II, in many instances, chose engineering. A victorious nation rewarded them by plowing vast sums into educational opportunities that created the training level that gave the cream of the survivors opportunities never before available. What they produced in innovative products and systems not just on earth with unmatched highways systems, but also in the air and space beyond, was directly attributable to that investment in the new education of the day. It provided the intellectual thrust that propelled the mechanical/-industrial age into their new-term future.

Anywhere in North America today there are more lawyers, confronting, delaying, obstructing, litigating and destroying what that earlier group built up than there are engineers trying to jump start today's after-burner. When there are more lawyers than engineers in any sizable political district you can expect more trouble than triumph. And that's what we are reaping from what we have created.

When a lawyer can pull in an annual salary of $200,000, that role model image can't help but affect young high school students considering. Imagine those power lunches, classy office space, pretty secretaries, corporate Mercedes, partnership bonuses, unlimited expense accounts, and what up to now has appeared to be a more socially acceptable pedestal. An environment ruled by the "precedent of the past", that resists new intellectual thinking and where the heaviest physical thing ever lifted is the phone or an American Express card. How does that look compared to using your brain to penetrate the unknown, create the new and actually getting your hands dirty? And working in merely adequate operational quarters and being paid the 'industry standard'. North America is now paying, and paying dearly, for this economic caste system.

Management raised in such a system forces engineers and designers to listen more to marketing forces than creative ones, more to bottom line results for the next quarter than to long-term success and survival of their company. Dumb.

With proper social incentives and availability of training, that floor sweeper can come up with another $7-billion idea equal to the one Apple founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak developed with just a garage and $500.

Are any North American companies seeing the world through this type of visionary eyes? A few. I wrote a year ago about the Weyerhaeuser Corporation plant in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan that have introduced the "fifth shift" system. One week out of five, a shift of the entire production labor force attends in-house classes to update training, not just for their present job or the next one they may be promoted to, but also the one after that. Wait until their competition feels the results of that investment. It is done in-house because no scholastic institution has the latest equipment to train such workers for the new fields this company is moving into.

Another is EDS (Electronic Data Systems) soon to be ensconced in third millennium-style headquarters in Plano, Texas. They are already spending $100-million a year in training and retraining. Do you really think they are going to have any substantial competition with what that trained workforce will be able to accomplish? Already they can balance 5.4-billion checking accounts in one second. And they can handle the communications section of any business - anywhere in the world - from Plano, Texas. Think that isn't going to downsize some industries? By remote control?

Try to stick around. Another new game has just begun.

Guinea pigs misunderstood

LONDON - Guinea pigs, small furry animals synonymous with experimentation, suffer from a bad case of mistaken identity and are not suitable for medical research, scientists say.

They should be of more interest to children as pets or even to gourmets as a delicacy because, some say, they taste better than beef.

"The guinea pig is a living fossil, a survivor of a world that existed 100 million years ago," says Dr. Dan Graur, an Israeli zoologist at Tel Aviv University.

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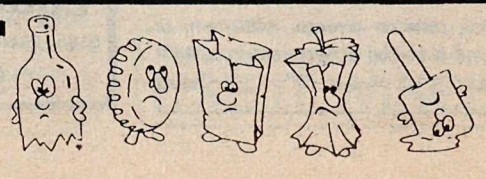


This remarkable site, 34 square miles (22,000 acres) of the Kootenay Valley, including the 8,000 foot Mount Broadwood, is the largest land donation in Canada's history. Shell Canada Ltd. gave the title to Nature Conservancy Canada, an organization dedicated to acquiring and preserving wildlands. The B.C. government will act as protective custodians under a longterm lease, and the land will be known as the Mount Broadwood Heritage Conservation Area.

This area contains diverse and abundant large animal species, including grizzly and black bear, wolves, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, cougar, mule and whitetailed deer and elk. Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., which owns timber harvesting rights to the forested areas of the park, have also reached an agreement for sustainable forest programs with the conservancy.

The conservancy has created more than 450 nature preserves in Canada, amounting to 110,000 acres worth more than $450-million. The fast growing organization more than doubled 1991's contributions this year for a '92 total of $4.75-million to work to protect the environment.

Shell has made numerous cash and land donations to the conservancy over recent years, and is currently determining the fate of another 175,000 acres in southeast B.C.

Education needed, says auditor-general

VANCOUVER - The federal government should heed the advice of Canada's auditor-general and consider ways of helping citizens understand the nation's deficit and debt.

"He's dead-on," the president of the Certified General Accountants Association, Ronald Bourque said, reacting to Denis Desautels' report.

"I think it is essential that Canadians know about the financial state of their country in the clearest way possible. Each of us is literally a shareholder in this vast nation and we should be aware of the level of debt we owe and where our taxes are spent," Bourque said.

"As the management group of what is effectively Canada's largest company, the federal government should ensure that understandable financial information and its implications for the future is released regularly."

The federal deficit could run $7-billion over target this year which will further compromise the government's ability to deal with the economic dislocation of the recession, Bourque said.

Junior, you're safe with me

By MICHAEL WYCKS

What to make of Prime Minister Mulroney's decision to scrap a cost-saving plan to eliminate junior ministers?

Secretary of State Robert de Cotret recently presented Mulroney with a 200-page report on trimming government spending. It proposed that Mulroney reduce his 39-member cabinet by the 12 ministers of state - low ranking ministers with minor portfolios. For his part, Mulroney has been clamoring lately for greater efforts at deficit reduction: "Now is the time to give up the battle on deficit reduction," the PM has exclaimed, while promising to cut spending even further.

Before exploring the prime minister's reasoning behind his decision, there are facts which need clarification: junior ministers have a staff which includes an executive assistant, a senior policy adviser, a legislative assistant, a scheduling assistant, a correspondence assistant, a constituency assistant and a personal secretary. Cabinet ministers earn $140,800 a year, almost $30,000 of which is tax free in the form of expense allowances. They also get another $2,000 car allowance annually, even though they all have chauffeur-driven cars.

As any taxpayer can plainly see, junior ministers and their entourages don't come cheap. If Mulroney is so concerned with the ballooning deficit, why did he leave the junior ministers alone?

Let's consider the possibilities:

* Mulroney so appreciates the contributions these ministers have made that he refuses to bow to pressure coming not only from the Canadian people but from members of his own party to do away with the posts;

* No matter what Mulroney said or did, he could not wean the 12 ministers from the public trough. He wasn't able to curtail their appetite for perks, privilege and power;

* The Tories think their junior ministers stand a better chance of winning in the next election than do ordinary MPs. A minister is expected to not only get reelected, but to help protect any fellow party MP in the neighboring riding. In other words, if a junior ministry is cut, it could be cost efficient but bad politics. When that is the case, politics usually wins out;

* Mulroney can't remember what it's like to be popular and has simply forgotten what to do to become popular.

The truth is undoubtedly a mix of some or all of these explanations. Only the prime minister knows for sure. What is evident is that by leaving his junior ministers in their cushy jobs while the deficit mounts, Mulroney has reinforced the cynicism felt by Canadians for politics in general, and for his leadership in particular.

9-1-1 now in 140 languages

BURNABY - The Greater Vancouver Regional District has operated the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system in the lower mainland for last two and a half years. In order to extend 9-1-1 service to all residents of the area, 9-1-1 now subscribes to the AT&T Language Line Translation Service. With the introduction of this service, 9-1-1 call takers have access to translation service in over 140 languages.

In the two months the translation service has been in operation, over 100 calls have been placed involving 18 different languages - Cantonese, Czech, Farsi, French, Greek, Hindi, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

Callers should identify the language they speak, in English, to the 9-1-1 operator. Otherwise, determining the caller's language can be a lengthy process, and delays can be costly in emergency situations.

It takes an average of one minute to bring a translator online with a 9-1-1 call. Callers must know to stay on the line while the translator is conferenced in. Once the interpreter is connected, the caller will be asked specific questions about their emergency. In most cases another emergency service dispatch centre will also be brought in to the call. It is important for callers to stay on the line and answer all of the interpreter's questions. While it is difficult to remember, being patient is the best way to get help in an emergency.

Dial 9-1-1 and help will come - in any language.

And that's a plan? Seriously?

By DAVE McGOWAN

Mr. Mastercostly has presented yet another plan to save Canadians from the collapsing economy. He admits that previous programs from his department have not been good enough. But he does not acknowledge the fact that the economic difficulties were created by Ottawa and the financial institutions that it has chartered as banks. He appears to be trying to arrange it so that the mistakes of the past are paid for, but not by those who made them.

Not that the plan is a complete waste of time as one has come to expect from most everything presented by Canada's parliament. There is a small acknowledgement of the contribution that small business can make to economic growth. Small businesses pay almost all of the corporate taxes that are collected, and supply about 75 percent of the Canadian employment opportunities. It's quite apparent that Mr. Mastercostly's relief for small business does not approach remuneration for their level of contribution.

Ottawa's financial programs have not been effective enough. They have managed to increase taxes on Canadians, greatly decrease the number of people working and paying taxes, and increase government spending to the point that they have increased the national debt by many more billions of dollars. At the same time as they have been spending all this money, they have managed to decrease the social services that government spending is supposed to finance. Saying that their programs have not been as effective as expected is either a gargantuan understatement or an admission that their original expectations were nothing but a big dream.

It shouldn't be difficult for them to understand why the social programs are in trouble. They have increased the money spent on direction of these programs (primarily to ensure that money isn't misdirected, they claim), which explains where all the extra money is going. Meanwhile, the people have been working in these programs for many years and know what it takes to operate them have been receiving less each year.

Instead of acknowledging this, and lopping off the ineffective heads of these departments, or at least reducing their size (there are two meanings there if you're paying attention), Ottawa has chosen a different course. They have chosen to leave the top-heavy administration of non-productive drones in place and reduce benefits. Nowhere is this more evident than in the case of unemployment insurance that has not been fulfilling its mandate for some time (or its mandate has been changed on a regular basis), and has now been rendered practically useless.

If a program isn't doing its job, perhaps it would be more effective to do away with it. Take all the money that it has collected, and all the money budgeted for its operation and put it in welfare. That's where everyone will be applying, anyway.

Yes, average Canadians have to get over the idea that they are entitled to a free ride. Yes, we all have to learn that we cannot receive eight hours pay for three hours work. Yes, we all have to take responsibility for a nation-wide decrease in production and increase in expense. And we also have to accept some of the responsibility for the gigantic Canadian debt because we voted these bozos into office. Someone did, anyway!

However, we have already been paying. In the past two years the average Canadian's income has decreased by 28 percent. Many have lost their income, and those who didn't have not received raises despite increased costs. At the same time there has been an increase in taxes to pay for programs that few agree with.

Also at the same time, political leaders and senior civil servants have had fat increases. Mr. Mastercostly has announced that these individuals, plus all the civil servants who work on the bottom of the pile will be subject to a two-year wage freeze. Nowhere did he mention a 28 percent decrease in their incomes to put them in line with the rest of Canada.

Since they have been realizing benefits for several years while other Canadians realized reductions, perhaps the cut in their incomes should be larger than 28 percent? Perhaps, since they are the people most responsible for our problems, they should be the ones to pay for their mistakes?

If we reduced their incomes and grossly overinflated pension benefits by 40 percent, how many billions could we collect before the end of 1993? If we reduced their incomes by 75 percent, how long would it take them to get some idea of what it's like out here in the real world?

Let's talk toll-free.

On December 7, BC TEL announced *a proposed expansion of local calling service in the Lower Mainland.*

This proposal will be submitted to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) by the end of the year. It would allow customers throughout the Lower Mainland — from Bowen Island to Abbotsford and Mission — to call each other without incurring long distance charges.

If approved, our plan could be implemented as early as November, 1993.

This proposal is a response to our *customers' demands for a simpler, more consistent and more equitable local calling structure. In fact, we have been working on the issue of expanded local calling for the past 5 years.*

Our first proposal was made to the CRTC in 1988, but it was found unacceptable at that time. Since then, we have consulted with our customers, Lower Mainland municipalities and Chambers of Commerce to help us refine and improve our plan.

Here is how it would work: the *Lower Mainland region from Bowen Island to Abbotsford and Mission would become one toll-free calling area. Meaning that you would be able to call anywhere within the area for your monthly residential or business rate. All long distance charges for calls within the area would be eliminated.*

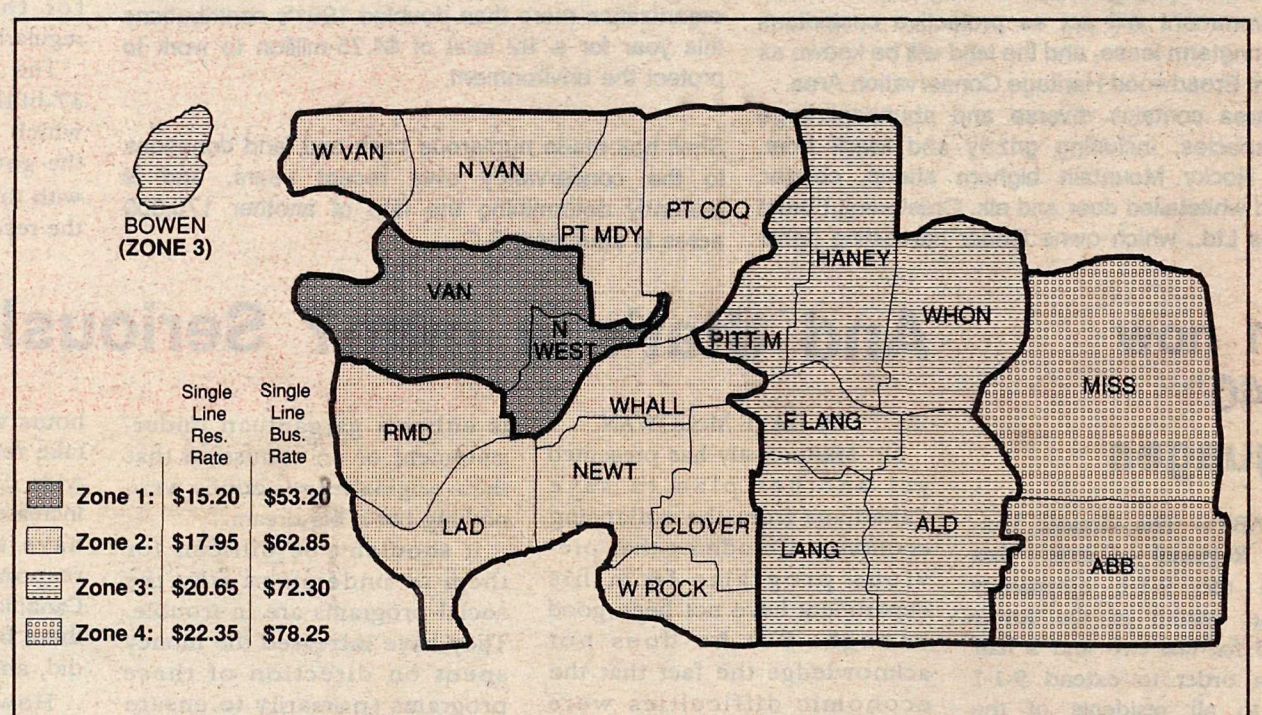
To replace the current 21 exchanges *and 11 different rate groups, we are proposing 4 zones, each paying different monthly rates. These monthly rates would increase the further you are located from the core zone of Vancouver / Burnaby / New Westminster.*

As you would expect, there are significant costs associated with providing this expanded service. We anticipate calling volume to increase 200 to 600 percent. Network equipment and software must be expanded.

In return for this expanded service, *monthly charges for service would increase. The table and zone map detail these changes. You will note that the largest price increases will occur in zone 4 areas. This is because customers in these areas will receive the largest expansion of their local calling area. Also, we want you to note that our proposal would neither increase or decrease our overall net income.*

The result is a plan we are proud of. *Not only does it meet our customers' current demands, it also anticipates your future needs. The population of the Lower Mainland is anticipated to grow near to 3 million in the next 25 years, and push further into the Fraser Valley. With expanded local calling, it will be easier for friends, family, businesses and customers to stay in touch with each other, and gain access to information, goods and services.*

We want to know what you think. *Since our proposal was announced in the media on December 7, we have fielded hundreds of calls. We have established a toll-free line to listen to your comments and answer any questions that you may have. We hope to hear from many more of you in the coming months.*



	Single Line Res. Rate	Single Line Bus. Rate
Zone 1:	$15.20	$53.20
Zone 2:	$17.95	$62.85
Zone 3:	$20.65	$72.30
Zone 4:	$22.35	$78.25

Note that each zone has its own rate for basic local service. However, calling between all zones is toll-free. Proposed rates include scheduled rate increases due to population growth.

Call our toll-free number about our toll-free plan.

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Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

More important, we encourage you *to submit your comments to the CRTC, in writing, with a copy to BC TEL. Because in order to make their decision on this proposal, the CRTC needs to hear from you. You can reach the CRTC by writing to: The Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2.*

Again, if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to call our toll-free number.

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