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Marking the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute in B.C. with a cake last weekend at Alder Grove Heritage Society were representatives of the Douglas District W.I. Alice Johnson, Coghlan W.I. Dorothy Brooks, Patricia W.I. Dagney Johnston, Peardonville W.I. Mollie Kissock, and Pinegrove W.I. Phyllis Hamberg. They hosted guests that included MP Randy White and councillors from Abbotsford and Langley.

CAN WE TALK?

Base wants breaks

ALDERGROVE - Ottawa wants to talk with the Township about proposed changes to the former Canada Forces Station Aldergrove, but councillors want to know what they're getting into, before they step up to the table.

Esquimalt base commander, capt. S.F. Verran wrote council this month to say that issues have not been discussed through a "formal structure", and "the resulting communications breakdown can strain our very essential relationships."

Verran said the proposed "formal working relationship" would include base construction engineering officer, lt-col Doug Foreman, base property resource officer Don Beamish and base fire chief Paul Beaulieu.

Items Verran wants on the agenda are "the devolution of payments-in-lieu of taxes (PILT) to DND with responsibility for municipal service utilization such as fire and police protection and municipal services devolved to base level; the opportunity for CFB Esquimalt to achieve savings in PILT as a result of the demolition of surplus and inefficient/obsolete buildings and the disposal of excess real properties; and the opportunity for revenue retention by CFB Esquimalt, through the leasing and/or sale of surplus infrastructure capacity. This would relate to certain buildings and utility services and may include surplus real property (lands)."

For those not well-versed with poly-syllabic euphemisms, Township administrator Mark Bakken told council on Monday that "the implications to the township (would be a demand for) less services and a lower grant. They wish to demolish some buildings to lower their assessment."

Bakken said council had, last year, rezoned the property as one un-subdividable parcel, in an effort to "convince Ottawa to maintain the base," and while the DND's effort to automate the communications network had not been as successful yet as they had hoped, "their primary motive (now) is to reduce their costs." He added that there were still issues of turning over some of the facilities, such as the gymnasium, for public use to be discussed.

Council has requested a staff report, before making a decision on whether or not to meet the DND brass.

GVRD takes on "stump dump"

BRADNER - The GVRD has requested an emergency meeting with Abbotsford council and the FVRD, to voice their opposition to a "stump dump" on Bradner Road next to the Fraser River.

Township councillor Mel Kositsky said the GVRD, which is developing regional parklands along the river, has "great concern" about the landfill's effect on local air, traffic and parks, as well as the threat of toxic contamination to groundwater and underground fires.

Observing that new GVRD regulations prohibit this type of landfill inside its borders, Kositsky said it was particularly galling that the Langley-based agent, who has filed the applications, wants to "build it just across the border. This could cost the township in so many ways."

The application, currently under consideration by the FVRD and ministry of environment, is to reclaim a former 16-acre gravel pit by filling it with about 16 metres of cedar stumps and other organic materials and soils. The truck route, over a three year period, would be along 264 Street and River Road, because Bradner Road is not capable of handling large container trucks down to the river.

Chase nets thief, car

ABBOTSFORD - A police dog was instrumental in capturing a suspect, who had been driving a stolen vehicle along Highway #1 near Bradner Road, at about 2:15 a.m, Monday, February 24.

An Abbotsford police officer was on routine patrol, when he was passed by a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. He responded with emergency equipment, at which time the driver of the vehicle attempted to flee. A quick computer check by the officer indicated the vehicle had been stolen from Langley.

After a short pursuit, the suspects abandoned the vehicle near McCallum Road and fled on foot. A police dog tracked the suspects for two kilometres, at which point a 21 year-old man was arrested.

He has been charged with possession of stolen property over $5,000, obstructing a police officer and breach of probation.

Intensive farm pollution comes under fire

LANGLEY - Murray Craig, the outspoken leader of the Concerned Citizens' Coalition of Langley, told council this week that they were pleased with the Township's support of their concerns about mushroom composting, but they were "going to continue to be council's conscience, in our role as educators and watchdogs."

The coalition has gone into high gear with their campaign, including hiring a helicopter this week, which has given sightseeing tours of mushroom farming operations to government environment officials, politicians and journalists. "We found some dastardly things," said Craig, and environment officials said they would be following up on the effluent seen flowing into waterways from about half a dozen of the farms.

Coun. Karen Kersey said she'd joined the tour and observed that the vast majority of about 35 farms were "good operations... we should celebrate the most responsible farmers." However, she said unresolved issues regarding intensive farming meant council should call a public meeting to update residents, and suggested a moratorium on new barns, until legal remedies and restrictions were drafted by the Township.

The Township has won a B.C. Supreme Court ruling which bans mushroom composting in the township, however, this is still to be heard by the appeals court. Township administrator Mark Bakken said he understood the appeal would be heard within a month.

Craig said the CCCL has spent $30,000 to commission a report by Envirowest, and have begun a legal fund for a class action suit against the industry. They've also asked UBC's Westwater group for assistance on the groundwater issues.

Craig said that from the air, it was clear that one farm near the border has "fecal effluent going into Washington state's Fishtrap Creek, 50 to 100 gallons per minute." He said America's Environmental Protection Agency offered a "good response" after being informed of the pollution and have assigned a team from Seattle to investigate.

He said they'd "hit brick walls in provincial government agencies" and was also worried that prime minister Jean Chretien's recent trade mission to the Pacific Rim included promises of a 300 percent increase in mushroom production in B.C.'s lower mainland.

While a key issue is contamination of water, Craig said air quality was a nebulous matter. "There is no measuring device, aside from your nose, and we have to set standards. We may have to lay private charges."

The coalition has called a public meeting this Thursday evening at Wix-Brown Elementary School.

Grassroots Consulting's Jacob de Raadt told council that he'd been contracted to speak for Money's Mushrooms and some producers, for whom he is preparing wastewater treatment facilities. Mushroom farms are also now required to provide septic treatment for worker's washrooms, a new requirement. He also pointed out that it's a $300-million industry in B.C.

Deputy mayor Muriel Arnason pointed out that this does nothing about public concerns regarding smell, but de Raadt replied that was "outside the scope" of his contract.

CBC news anchor Kevin Evans gave an insightful talk on ethics and modern journalism, Saturday in Aldergrove. Story, page 11.

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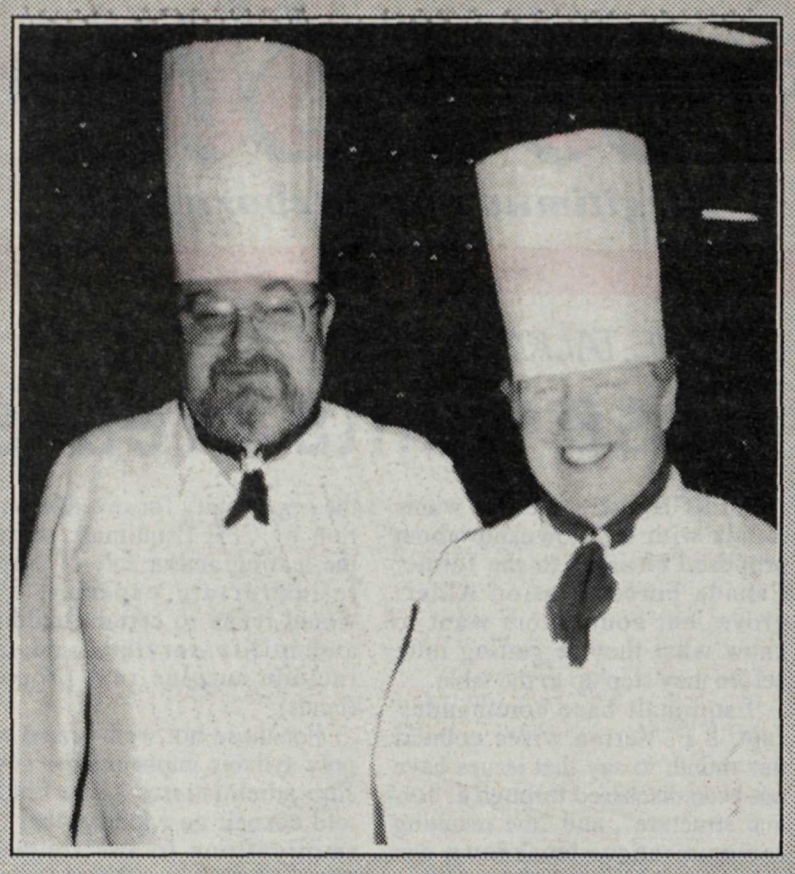

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FRASER'S FRIENDLY FACES

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Dislikes:	Gloom
Favorite music:	Cow Punk
Favorite movie:	Treasure Island
Favorite TV show:	Funniest Home Videos
Favorite food:	Rolaids

Fraser's Friendly Faces is a Star feature designed to spotlight the people who operate, or work at, businesses in Aldergrove. If your company has a worthy candidate for this morale-boosting feature, call or write The Star with your suggestion.

Members and guests of Patricia Women's Institute held a tea at Alder Grove Heritage Society, last Thursday to mark their society's 73rd anniversary and the centennial of the women's institute movement in the province. Connie Johnston (fifth from right) is Patricia's longest serving member, having joined in 1943.

-Kurt Langmann photo

Brush causes restriction to water flow

LANGLEY - Township council was happy to hear this week that both the GVRD and Surrey are desiring to help solve a flooding problem in Campbell Valley Park. Evidently, much of the area flooding caused by the Little Campbell River is due to creek congestion inside the park.

Frances McGuckin led a delegation early this year, to complain that residents along 6 Avenue suffered property damage, as well as health risks, because of the flooding. Coun. May Barnard has taken the issue to the GVRD Parks committee, and now, said coun. Mel Kositsky, "Surrey wants to be involved too, because it affects them, too."

Deputy mayor Muriel Arnason, a former resident of south Langley, expressed relief: "We were stymied, but at last there's movement (by concerned agencies)."

McGuckin wrote council to say that the Court of Revision has agreed to lower property taxes by 25 percent for affected property owners, until the problem is solved, and that the court has told her to bring the issue to the Health Department, as they "have the ability to supersede the jurisdiction of the GVRD where health matters are concerned... resolving the problem more expediently."

Public works superintendent Paul Christensen also reported that he'd examined the McGuckin property first-hand, and was unable to recommend a solution that would not be over-ruled by senior government agencies. Raising the elevation with fill would probably not be approved by Fisheries or the Agricultural Land Commission.

"From my years of experience I have noticed this problem of flooding becoming more severe," said Christensen, especially since the GVRD "have allowed the brush and canary grass to take over the channel and low areas, which causes a serious restriction in the water flow." However, he said discussions with the GVRD and Fisheries found no support for digging a channel to handle water flow.

Police nab 850 pot plants in Langley

LANGLEY - Police executed a search warrant at a residence on 208 Street on Tuesday, February 18, where they found a huge marijuana grow operation.

They seized over 850 plants, valued at over a million dollars, some sophisticated growing equipment, and a loaded .22 calibre semi-automatic handgun. Both the barn and basement of the rented home had been converted to grow marijuana.

Phil Bauereis and Shawna Dawson, both 26, were arrested and charged with cultivation and possession for the purpose of trafficking. Police will also be pursuing firearms offences.

...And 160 in Abby

ABBOTSFORD - Police, alerted by B.C. Hydro, executed a Narcotic Control Act warrant at a house on Hazel Street, at 1 p.m, Tuesday, February 18.

They seized 159 marijuana plants, with an estimated value of $100,000, and charged a 45 year-old man with cultivation, possession for the purpose of trafficking and theft of Hydro.

Diabetics meet

ABBOTSFORD – Canadian Diabetes Association meets Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 pm at Central Heights Church (gymnasium), 1661 McCallum Rd. Speaker is Tracey Hooper, from Lifescan. For further information, phone 856-5470.

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BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS

LANGLEY

The Langley Business Licence Bylaw requires that any individual or company operating a business in the Township have a current business licence. The 1997 Business Licence fees were due and payable January 1, 1997. Renewal notices have been mailed to all 1996 business licence holders. If you have not received an invoice or if you are operating a business without a business licence, please contact:

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An embarrassing incident for a local RCMP officer, who forgot to put his car in "park" while filling out paperwork and talking on the radio in his patrol car, but it provided much hilarity for Valentine's Day morning customers at Tim Hortons. Fortunately, no injuries and little damage to property, but -- ouch -- more paperwork!

Compromise seen in heritage deal

LANGLEY - Township council approved a new organizational structure for community and heritage services designed by administrator Mark Bakken to bring about a compromise between the two sides of the issue.

It involves a change in the manager's duties, which means additional responsibility for former arts and heritage supervisor Sue Morhun. However, coun. Dean Drysdale said that while the new commission will now be able to continue to apply for grants outside the community, their "original objective of reducing council appointments" to committees remains intact. Council has asked the community to form and elect their own committees, regarding issues of concern to each group, and have increased grant funds available to these groups.

Bakken said his re-organization of community and heritage services will simplify their operation. "We've taken several functions, placed them under one commission with several subcommittees... to use existing resources, manage them better, and hopefully raise their profile."

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Motor vehicle accident claims life

SURREY - The man critically injured in an accident at 152 Street and 102A Avenue, on Saturday, February 15, has died of his injuries.

Curtis Andrew Bendera, had been travelling westbound on 102A Avenue, when he collided with the northbound vehicle driven by 37 year-old Gregory Robertson.

The impact pushed Robertson's vehicle into two southbound vehicles which were stopped for the red light, slightly injuring the drivers.

Charges are not expected to be laid, but police are continuing their investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to contact Surrey RCMP traffic section at 599-7607.

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Chretien to visit the Valley

FORT LANGLEY - Prime minister Jean Chretien is scheduled to attend a ground-breaking ceremony at the historic fort, March 6 at 11:30 a.m. According to The Star's records, this will be the first appearance of a prime minister at the fort, since a newly-elected Pierre Trudeau paid a visit.

Township coun. Karen Kersey, an unabashed Liberal party member and booster, said she hoped to see hordes of people from the schools and community there.

It was also amusing to hear fellow coun. Dean Drysdale initiate a motion to have Kersey approach Chretien with a request to spend federal money on Township infrastructure projects. Drysdale has been a Progressive Conservative supporter since his early teens, so it was hard to tell from the gallery whether his motion was facetious, but it was approved by council.

Kersey seemed overwhelmed and awed by her assigned responsibility, but so long as she doesn't yell in the PM's face, it should be an amicable meeting of Grits. Council also plans to investigate the possibility of obtaining federal infrastructure grants for the construction of recreational facilities, particularly the planned new Walnut Grove pool.

Vote taken on amalgamation

LANGLEY – The date of the planned special meeting of the Langley Memorial Hospital Society has been moved ahead to Tuesday, March 11. This meeting has been called to vote on a resolution regarding the amalgamation of Langley Memorial Hospital with the South Fraser Valley Regional Health Board.

The decision to change the date of the meeting was made, when the board was notified by the Ministry of Health that the meeting must be held prior to the middle of March. Given the importance of this issue to the society, the board made the decision to comply with the ministry's deadline.

LMH Society by-laws allow voting by individuals who paid their membership fee at least 30 days prior to any meeting. To vote at the March 11 meeting, members must have paid their membership on or before February 9. Because of the change in meeting date, a small number of new members (approximately 100 people, representing about 3% of total society members), who paid their memberships after February 9 will not be eligible to vote.

An information package will be mailed to all society members prior to the meeting. The special meeting will now be held on Tuesday, March 11, 7 pm at Christian Life Assembly, 21277-56 Avenue. The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 25.

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A lot of bull

By KURT LANGMANN

A man from New Westminster is suing a Matsqui Village farmer, because he was rammed by a bull, while he was trespassing on a field adjacent to Matsqui Trail Park, in June of 1993. William Smith had ignored prominent "No Trespassing" signs and a heavy barbed wire fence, climbed over, and after the encounter with the bull that fractured his hip, he was found and rushed to hospital five days later, when the farmer stumbled across Williams lying there, helpless.

Last spring, Williams filed his statement of claim, alleging negligence on the part of the farmers, for "failing to keep the bull under proper or any control" and "failing to provide proper or any warnings as to the fierce and mischievous nature and temperament of the bull."

The case was heard in Chilliwack courthouse last week, and a decision is expected in March.

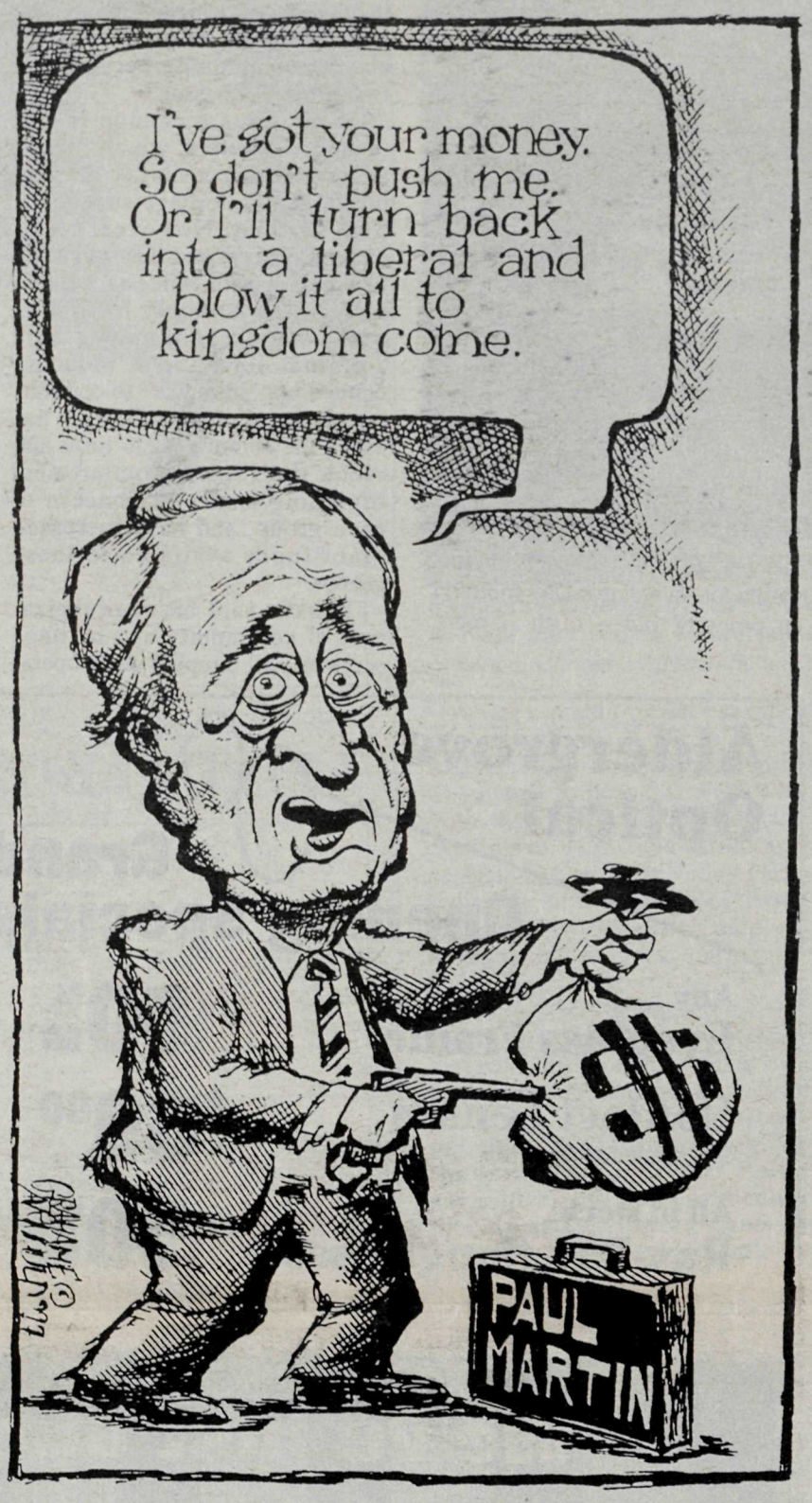
Before any longtime rural residents comment that this sounds like lot of bull, perhaps we could comment on the similarities to the senior citizen in Kamloops who's been charged with assault, after he stabbed a man who was half his age and twice his weight. The "victim" was trying to kick in the 85-year-old's front door, and when the resident challenged the intruder on his own front step, an altercation resulted in the intruder being stabbed in his neck.

RCMP laid a number of charges against the intruder, but said they were compelled by law to charge the 85-year-old resident with assault, because he should have gathered his 77-year-old wife and fled out the back door, gone to the neighbours and called police. Sure. Perhaps police also should have fined the seniors for not having motorized scooters at the ready for a quick get-away.

The Canadian tradition of common law, which includes the tenet that a man's home is his castle, has eroded over recent decades, as lawmakers have drafted new rules they hoped would combat random, senseless acts of violence. The lawmakers haven't found the answers, and the ordinary citizen who witnesses the frequent ineptitude of the enforcement and justice system, is frightened most of the fact that there is no strict determinant of what constitutes self-defence. The feeling that the system won't protect you, and will prosecute (persecute?) you if you do it for yourself. Catch 22.

Citizens are told not to post "Beware of dog" signs, because this, in effect, is an admission that your dog is dangerous to the public, and can be used in court. You probably wouldn't go to jail for it, but as the O.J. Simpson criminal and civil cases so graphically proved, it's not about justice, but rather how much money you've got for the taking.

The law is not only an ass, it's also become a lot of bull.



Nickels for the children

ALDERGROVE - Impoverished children in Canada will receive a net benefit of three nickels a day, in the sleight-of-hand which federal finance minister Paul Martin dealt last week to fight child poverty in the 1997-'98 budget.

Reg Clarkson, a volunteer researcher with the Social Planning and Research Council of B.C., said that the $195-million in "new money to fight child poverty" results in spending of 36 cents per day, per child. However, the $2.5-billion cut to the nation's social transfer fund means $250-million less for B.C.

"A social transfer fund cut means $13.3-million less for 180,000 poor children in B.C.," said Clarkson. "A loss of 21 cents per day, per child."

When the 21 cents of old spending is deducted from the 36 cents in new spending, the net gain to a poor child is 15 cents. Enough for a couple slices of bread or a few spoonfuls of milk.

Martin will be in Chilliwack, Saturday, March 1, "speaking to the federal budget after (Chilliwack mayor) John Les is acclaimed the candidate for Fraser Valley." The meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, with a reception to follow.

Talk, that's all it is

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Another year has passed and again many B.C. motorists have been injured or killed in alcohol related car crashes, killed or maimed by impaired drivers.

B.C. lags behind all provinces in implementing programs that can bring about the changes required to reduce the carnage on our roads. Last year, ICBC promised a multi-pronged approach including vehicle impoundment and administrative licence suspension. The government discussed the implementation of an impaired driver education, assessment and treatment program, which would be a user pay system. Talk, all talk, no action.

Our communities continue to see our people, young and old, needlessly injured or killed on our highways. Let our MLA know that we need change. British Columbia could become a leader and save lives by no longer tolerating impaired driving.

Let your voice be heard, support the implementation of a comprehensive province-wide approach to impaired driving. Call or write your MLA today.

MARG MARSHALL,
Kamloops

Looking to buy private

Editor, The Star, Sir,

"Fraud hits us all in the back pocket." The pamphlet stared up at me from our ICBC adjuster's desk almost accusingly, when we went to file our claim. Our truck had been rear-ended while at a red light just five days earlier. While the damage to our vehicle was minimal, my wife's hand had hit the steering wheel, and the doctor at the hospital suggested regular physiotherapy and not to go to work. She was back to work in three weeks, but the time off really set us back, even while we waited to get our claims cheque. We never got reimbursed, because a panel decided that the dollar amount of damage to the vehicles was not enough. If she had gone to work and hurt her hand there, WCB would not pay because it was an ICBC claim, and ICBC would have said she should not have gone back to work against her physician's order.

Thank you, ICBC, for helping me see the light. Fraud hits us all in the back pocket. From mine to yours. Good riddance to your government cash cow, as I will be buying private insurance.

G.R.L.,
Abbotsford

Iron fist in a silk glove

Editor, The Star, Sir,

The recent disclosure of the power of StatsCan "requesting" information from the citizenry illustrates the real "iron fist in the silk glove" underlying the present pseudo-democracy in Canada. The self-serving congratulations from one set of national bureaucrats to another quoted by the StatsCan Pacific region director completely bypasses the public's real concerns for privacy and lack of freedom.

Until we have a government "with the gonads" to control and downsize these and all other uncivil servants, I would encourage everyone who receives a StatsCan "request" to creatively comply by inventing numbers that are exaggerated or diminished. Such "creative" responses are almost impossible to detect and will serve to confuse these "addicts of numbers". This would be a milder emulation of the actions of the French Resistance, when they were confronted with the legalisms of Vichy France and sneaked sand into the gearboxes of the real Nazi rulers of the country.

The extensive use of voluntary-compliance opinion-polls indicates that there is absolutely no justification for mandatory participation in StatsCan surveys. If there is any economic justification to these types of surveys then the private sector will readily step forward to fulfil the need. StatsCan should be restricted to its original mandate - the 10-year census.

H.J. SPENCER,
Aldergrove

It's over and done

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I couldn't help but be fascinated with a letter sent in by Horst Jassman, which was printed in the February 12 edition of the Aldergrove Star. In it, Mr. Jassman lamented the further Americanization of Canadian culture, citing that the Milner Education Centre spelled "centre" the American way; namely "center". He further went on to state that this "misspelling" must cause confusion to students, who are taught the Canadian spellings of centre, harbour, colour, etc. in school.

Mr. Jassman, I'm sorry to say, there will be no confusion among today's students.

When I was in elementary school, which was only five years ago, students were allowed to choose which way they wanted to spell a word: the American way, or the Canadian way. Of course, most students chose to memorize the American spelling since it was easier to remember. Now, this system wasn't bad; in fact it was fair and democratic. Unfortunately, now this system is not so.

I say unfortunately because my sister, who attended grade 7 just last year, was marked wrong on a spelling test when she wrote the Canadian spellings of of words, because they are no longer taught. Today, "color" is the correct spelling, along with "harbor", "labor", "check" (as opposed to "cheque") and, yes, even "center".

Of course, this should come as no surprise, as today Canadian students study out of American textbooks, look at American maps, do American worksheets, answer American questions, and use American spellcheck before handing in assignments.

Even worse, Canadian content has become almost nonexistent in relation to this. "O! Canada!" is sung rarely in schools, if ever. Some students do not know the capitals and provinces of Canada, but then again, they don't need to. American encyclopaedias dominate the library shelves, just like their magazines do; heck, I've even heard the Canadian version of "Sesame Park", arguably the best educational tool that can be used before formal education in elementary school begins, has been scrapped.

No, Mr. Jassman, I wouldn't worry about the "Americanization" of Canada any more, if I were you, because if our schools are any indication, we have already been Americanized. And with the funding for our educational "centers" being constantly scaled back, it doesn't look like they will become more Canadian any time soon.

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I also must apologize to Andy Maynard for spelling his name wrong in my last article. My source (It was Rick! It was Rick!) mistakenly gave me the incorrect spelling. I'm sorry, and next time, if my intelligence climbs above that of a tin can, I'll think before I leap.

JOE MORRISON,
Aldergrove

It's all about money

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I have just received notice that my car is due to have its Aircare test once again. Now if my car should fail, whether it be badly or barely, then I will be punished by having to shell out repairs plus another $18 to get it retested. I have personally seen people convicted of assault get a lesser penalty.

I somehow get the feeling that Aircare testing is more about money and patronage than the environment. After all, if the quality of the air we breathe is the problem, our governments, that is federal, provincial, and local, would have taken the money, that they have taken under, what I think, is false pretenses, from the pockets of auto owners, that is road tax, gas tax, property tax, manufacturing tax, sales tax, GST, and many more I can't begin to list, and spent it on the hiway system and improve rapid transit.

That would mean less autos on the road. Also the current two hour trip into Vancouver would probably drop to an hour or less and could probably cut car emissions by two thirds, and also cut down the amount of accidents that happen on our roads by cutting out a lot of the frustration felt by drivers, who would rather be at home than sitting in a traffic jam.

I am disabled, and the transit system is not a viable alternative for myself, so if I have to take my car off the road, it means giving up a lot of my current mobility, not that there is a politician that gives a damn about what happens to any of us, just as long as they and their friends can get there noses into the trough that is general revenue, where they keep all the money that is taken from the motorists.

So off I go to test my little Omni that the governments think gives off more pollution than trucks, buses, aircraft, ships, and let's not forget the methane gas that spews out of any building where politicians gather.

By the way, could anyone explain to me why Ms. Lois Boone thinks that it's only a crime to speed, when it's done by a private individual in his or her own car, and that fleet owned cars, trucks, and buses, are exempt from photo radar?

DAVID LOMAX,
Surrey

Cultural center a must

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I recently performed a classical piano recital as a benefit for its sponsors, On Stage Langley and the Langley Community Music School. These two organizations promoted and organized the concert and managed to fill the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with an enthusiastic audience. The success of the event reflects their commitment to the city of Langley and to the role of music in our community.

I appreciated the opportunity to perform in my hometown and for all the people who are so dear to me. Everything was so well organized; and what a delicious homemade reception!

I hope that we were successful in benefiting the cause of a new Cultural Centre. It is my view that such a building could serve as a kind of community centre; a place for those who love classical music, and those who may not know anything about it, for old and young alike, and for people from all sectors of the financial spectrum, to share their enjoyment of music through concerts, classes and other events put on by the school. I myself know that I wouldn't have been able to play this recital, had it not been for the LCMS bursary program which helped fund my piano lessons!

I wish to thank all the people who attended too, for joining me in showing our support for this important cause.

LILA GAILLING,
Langley

Banks more competitive

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I recently read H.J. Spencer's January 22 letter, "We're talking about a cartel at work", and noticed it contains some misinformation.

Mr. Spencer suggests bank profits are a sign that a cartel is at work. I beg to differ. The Canadian financial services marketplace has never been more competitive than it is today. Competition comes from an increasing array of financial service providers, including credit unions and caisses populaires, trust companies and life insurers, and numerous new entrants such as ING Bank.

Mr. Spencer's remedies for what he views as excessive profits, including taxation of superprofits, credit card interest rate ceilings, and mandated lending in Canada are not necessary, since banks already make a significant contribution to the Canadian economy in each of these areas.

He should be aware of the following facts.

* Approximately half of all working Canadians own shares in banks through RRSPs, pension plans and/or mutual funds.

* Bank credit cards are available with rates as low as 9.25 percent.

* Banks have almost 207,000 employees nationwide; approximately 18,000 in B.C. and the Yukon alone.

* According to a recent Ethicscan study, the banking industry has the best labour relations record in Canada.

* Banks are by far the largest source of funding to Canada's small and medium-sized businesses, providing over $62-billion in credit.

As well, Canada's banks estimate they will pay $4.9-billion in taxes and levies to all levels of Canadian government for 1996, making banks one of the most heavily taxed industries in the country. In fact, in Canada, the banks pay more than a dollar in taxes for every dollar they earn in net income.

I hope this helps to set the record straight.

MARGARET ECKENFELDER,
Director, Canadian Bankers Association,
Vancouver

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.

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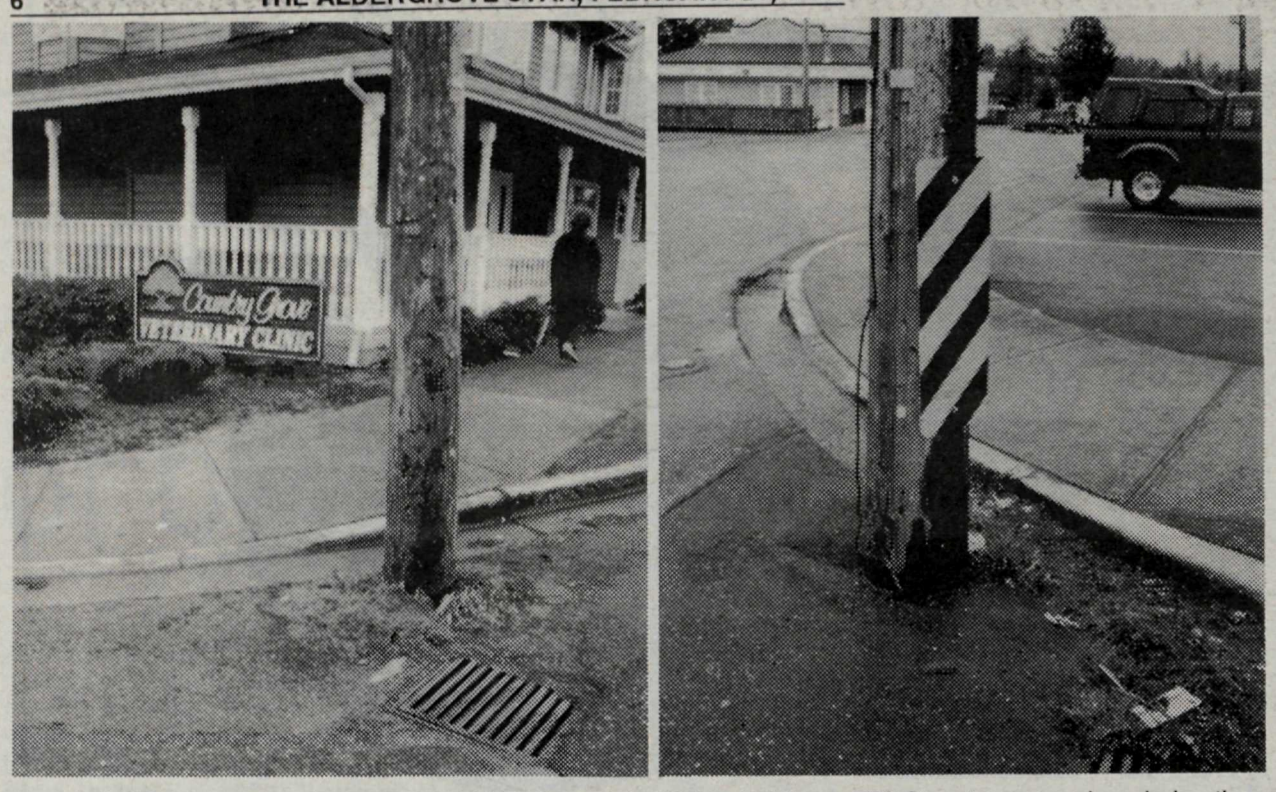

Faithful Star readers will remember Don McTavish posing in front of these 272 Street power poles, during the 1979 municipal election race, pledging to have them moved off the street, if elected. McTavish was elected for a two year term, but as residents are well aware, the poles still serve the function of keeping doggie wizz off the sidewalks and on the streets. Two outstanding heritage style professional buildings have also since been erected by outstanding local citizens, behind the poles, in accordance with the Township's ongoing program of enhancing the town's appearance. It's entirely possible that local government considers the poles part of the town's unique heritage, and therefore cannot be moved without an inquiry or commission of some sort, but we think they're there for the same reason climbers scale mountain peaks. -Kurt Langmann photo

What's happening to Surrey tax dollars?

BURNABY – Surrey residents should be wondering why local politicians are crying poor, according to a study commissioned by CUPE Local 402, Surrey municipal workers.

The study had, as one of its objectives, to assess whether or not the citizens of Surrey are receiving good value for their tax dollars, as a result of the city's contracting practices, and whether the stated objectives of these practices are actually being achieved.

According to David Fairey, one of the report's authors and principal of the Trade Union Research Bureau, Surrey's management and politicians would be hard-pressed to suggest that they are actually saving money as a result of contracting out services previously provided by city workers.

Fairey said, "Surrey is one of the wealthiest of any city in the province - certainly in the GVRD. If you look at the cumulated and annual reserves it is clear that Surrey saves more than it spends on providing services to its taxpayers and residents."

According to the report, there is no proof that contracting services to the private sector has saved money, and far more evidence that the citizens of Surrey could be receiving superior service for the money they are spending on services, if those services were delivered by their own employees.

Fairey said, "It is not hard to read the public figures, it just takes time. Once they are in hand, there can be no doubt that those city departments, that tend to do the highest degree of contracting out of services, are the ones where the greatest increases in expenditures for service take place. What is more, there are endless examples to indicate that the quality of service that Surrey taxpayers are receiving, is significantly less than they are paying for when compared to surrounding municipalities. That is despite the fact that Surrey is in a far better financial position - even after cuts in municipal transfer payments."

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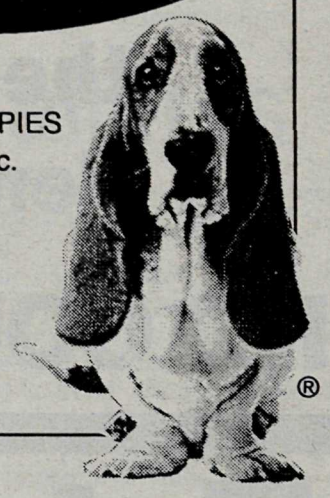

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NO PARTY FOR SLAVENS

It's lonely at the top

By KURT LANGMANN

LANGLEY - It appears there's not only a pecking order at Township hall, there's also a food chain.

The firings of several top bureaucrats, and the handsome severance packages they negotiated based on their handsome salaries, have been grist for the rumour mill since December. Recriminations continue, but this week, it's commiseration time, as local "volunteers" have organized a 'thank you tribute' to four of the laid-off bureaucrats, Friday evening at the Civic Centre.

However, noticeably absent from the honour roll and guest list is the Township's long-serving and conscientious bylaw enforcement officer, Don Slavens. This dedicated civil servant was unceremoniously canned by the former administration and council, before November's election, and nobody at the hall wants to talk about it, because both Slavens and the CUPE local have teams of lawyers grieving the dismissal, and ready to go to court to fight it.

Perhaps it's difficult to rally sympathy for a man with a badge, uniform, ticket book, and hence, a thankless job. Most of his detractors have been at the receiving end of bylaws' big stick. Perform a good job or a poor one, and there will be a lot of people who despise you, either way. An enforcement officer has to walk a tightrope, too, between his interpretation of the law, which he is sworn to uphold without discrimination, and his subservience to the people at the top who pay his wages and call the shots. His responsibility is heavy, and the compensation is less than half that of department directors who assign the nasty work to the minions.

Slavens has been stewing at home for months, and new Township administrator Mark Bakken told The Star that the union contract does not permit them to find a replacement, until Slavens' case is settled. Bakken declined further comment, but it's apparent that persons with non-conforming suites or signs, for example, have been spared further enforcement visits for months now, and possibly months to come. According to the rumour mill, there's all kinds of delicious dirt that could come to the fore from both sides in Slavens-vs.-Township, including some mysterious "tape recordings."

So, there's no gala in the works for Slavens, even though he has a good many friends in the community, too. Several concerned citizens have been calling The Star, asking what happened to Slavens. It might be lonely at the top, but as the songs says, nobody loves you when you're down and out.

Opticians regulated

VANCOUVER – A provincial regulatory body has been established to ensure that British Columbians receive the best possible service from opticians. Since July 1996, the College of Opticians of British Columbia has registered more than 1,300 opticians throughout the province.

Anyone seeking more information on the college or any issues involving optician registration and service in encouraged to call 278-7510, toll-free 1-888-771-6755.

Developments get green light from council

LANGLEY - Township councillors approved a number of applications to "pave over Langley" at Monday's meeting. Ironically, outspoken critic and coun. Heather McMullan voted alongside the LLT-dominated council and Mel Kositsky in favour of each application, while deputy mayor Muriel Arnason was the sole vote contrary, citing her concern about densities and restrictions regarding age groups in certain developments. Mayor John Scholtens is away on holidays until next week.

All of the applications approved fit community plans and were in the western corridor that is not in the farm land freeze. Proposals ranged from single family homes to strata title developments.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

LANGLEY

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As part of our Maintenance Program, the Municipal Water Department will be flushing watermains in your area on the dates shown below.

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Youth activities discussed

ALDERGROVE – The Community Secondary School Parent Advisory Council will host a meeting to discuss programs and activities for youth in the Aldergrove community, on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 pm in the school library. Speakers will include Dean Dahl, of Young Life, Stan Duckworth of Aldergrove Neighbourhood Services, and Kirk Jones, youth programmer for Parks and Recreation.

Dave Hunt, vice principal at ACSS, will discuss the Community Schools Project, just approved for ACSS and Shortreed Elementary. One of the things this project hopes to do, is to use school resources to help promote and facilitate youth programs throughout the community.

Anyone interested in programs and activities for young people, should find the meeting interesting and informative. It will provide an opportunity to find out what is available for youth in this community. It may also be useful in helping to identify youth needs that are not currently met.

Everyone is welcome. If you need more information, call Hattie Hogeterp Bose at 856-5982.

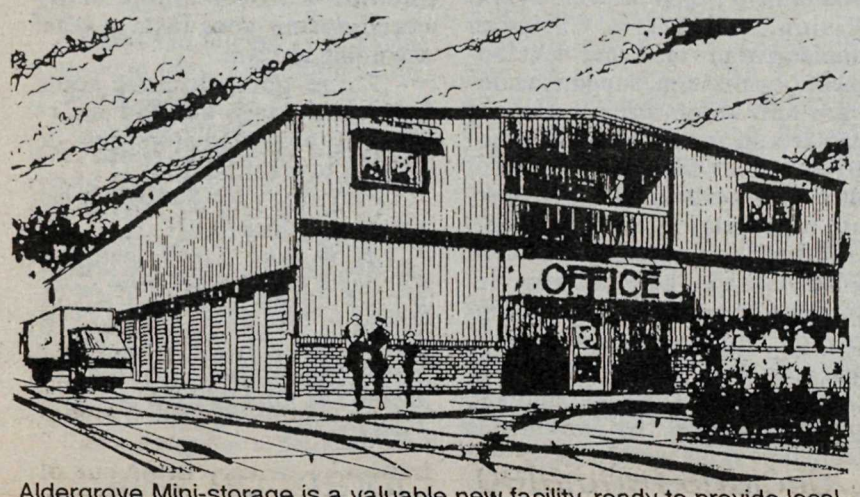
An enthusiatic crowd of about 60 turned out for the Feb. 18 organizational meeting of the Aldergrove Coalition. One of the organizers, David Hockin led off by telling the various representatives of local community organizations that the goal was to pool resources of volunteers and compile a list of local contacts for each group -- there are close to 200 groups -- so that they can call on each other for support and information. Then, the people at each table held their own discussion and presented their summaries at the end of the night, with one of the first priorities being projects to benefit local youths. With service clubs, churches, schools and others represented, it was a remarkable first step, and as several said, long overdue. -Kurt Langmann photo

Thain entertains for benefit

LANGLEY – On February 22, 1997 Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association sponsored a very successful fundraising home concert at a private residence in Fort Langley. Singer and song writer Laurie Thain entertained a group of 44 people, which was very much enjoyed. A dessert buffet concluded the evening.

A total of $880 was raised. A very sincere thank you to Mr. and Mrs. B. Turner, who hosted the event and Mr. Mark Berry, manager of Save-on-Foods in Langley, and Mr. Darell Roberts, manager of Save-on-Foods in Walnut Grove for their donations, and to Laurie Thain for donating her talents to this special occasion.

All proceeds will be used in the Valley Therapeutic's riding program for children with disabilities.



Aldergrove Mini-storage is a valuable new facility, ready to provide local storage space to fill a variety of needs.

Mini storage open for business

Yet another new business will celebrate a grand opening this week. The Aldergrove Mini-storage on 264th Street by Fraser Highway is nearing completion.

The 20.000sq. ft. building will house 130 units in five different size storage lockers from 5'x8' to 10'x20' and are reasonably priced from $49.95 per month and up.

The all steel building with steel doors is insulated for moisture (not heated), and in keeping with the Heritage Look, blue trim and canopies have been added to the front. It features a dry sprinkler system and includes a three bedroom suite upstairs for the manager, providing 24 hour security. In addition to that the building will be fenced, and there will be guard dogs on duty.

Jack Dhaliwal, the owner of Aldergrove Mini-storage, invites the public to come and have a look and enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts on Saturday, March 1. The opening hours are presently set from 9 am to 9 pm, 7 days a week, but may be adjusted in the future, if earlier or later hours are required. Jack also wishes to express his thanks to municipal hall for their cooperation and assistance, as well as to the Aldergrove business community. Jack is also looking forward to starting phase 2 of Aldergrove Mini-Storage.

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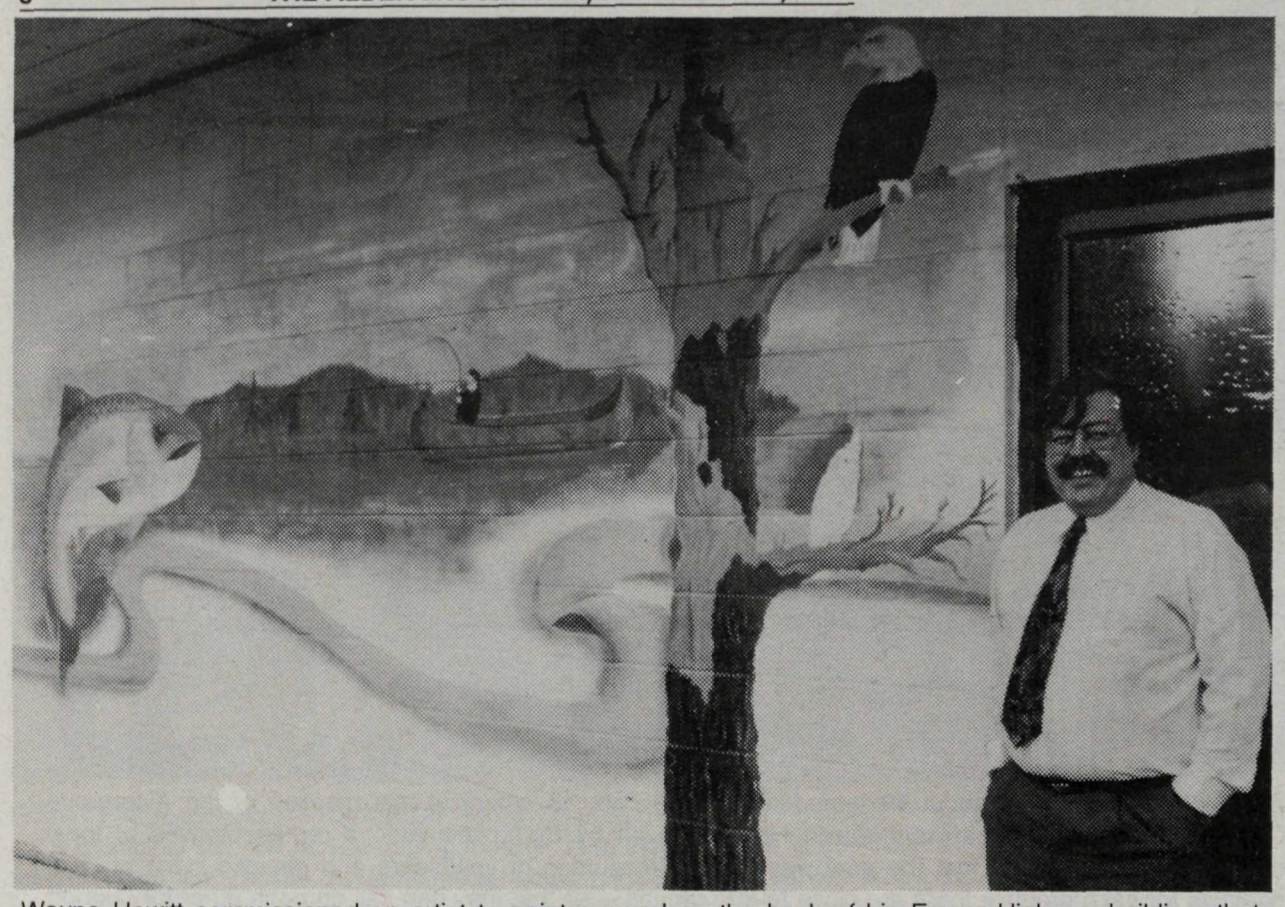


Wayne Hewitt commissioned an artist to paint a mural on the back of his Fraser Highway building, that depicts his and his father's interest in fishing and camping in B.C., along with personal touches that have some symbolic meaning to the Hewitts. Hewitt has his accounting business on the main floor and resides upstairs, and is very eager to be involved in possible improvements to the alleyways in town as part of the Township's commitment to improvements to the town core. He'd also like to see his mural completed, but hasn't seen the artist since she was told that she needed a municipal permit and approvals by an obscure design control committee that he's never heard of. -Kurt Langmann photo

Biotech conference for curious and concerned

CHILLIWACK – Are you eating bionic carrots? Has your broccoli been taking steroids? Do you even know?

Biotechnology and genetic engineering will be the focus of a conference at the University College of the Fraser Valley's Chilliwack campus on February 28 and March 1. The Fruits of Biotechnology: Bitter or Sweet, a conference for the curious and concerned, will explore issues and trends in biotechnology as they relate to agriculture, ethics, and human health and reproduction.

A team of national experts in the field will address questions such as: Will biotechnology cure cancer and eliminate heritable diseases, or could the release of genetically-engineered crops and organisms bring disease and disaster? Will biotechnology eliminate hunger or concentrate power in just a few corporate hands? Is the ownership and patenting of life forms morally acceptable? What are reproductive and genetic technologies, and are they the choice that women have demanded? Is there a role for ordinary citizens in answering these questions and shaping public policy?

"These are social, not technical questions," said facilitator Brewster Kneen. "These questions are critical to everyone. The more we know about what's going on and what might go on, the better able we, as citizens, will be equipped to get involved and shape the future.

"A number of genetically engineered crops have already been approved by Health Canada. How many people know which ones have made it from the lab to their dinner tables? None are labelled, because the government has determined we don't need to know.

"What does this mean for our health, the environment, for food animals and wildlife?"

"It's a complex and far-reaching subject. We need community input and involvement to make the most of the conference. I hope everyone concerned about humanity or the environment will join our exploration of these vital issues."

For more information phone UCFV Continuing Education at 795-2839, or 853-7441, local 2839.

Famine hopes for others' feast

BY JOE MORRISON

ALDERGROVE - "Just Gotta Do Something!"

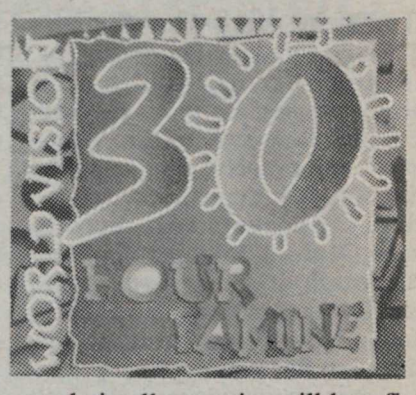
That's the cry over 100,000 people will take up this year as they endure the 30 Hour Famine, an event put on by World Vision to raise money for disadvantaged people all over the world.

"Basically, you fast for 30 hours and try to get sponsors (to sponsor you) during those thirty hours," says Petra Mach, the student president of Aldergrove Community Secondary School. "It's an event where we try to make people aware that there's so many people - mostly children - who die from hunger and disease all over the world."

She's not kidding. For instance, did you know that 19 million Africans are infected with the AIDS virus? That there are approximately 14 million refugees worldwide? Or that an infant in Thailand is 15 times more likely to die as an infant than one in Canada? If not, then the 30 Hour Famine will raise your awareness of these and other global issues.

However, the program allows you to help people as well. World Vision, which is a Christian humanitarian relief and development organization, supports childcare and community self-help projects in more than 100 countries worldwide. For example, they drill wells in Senegal, operate a hospital in Phnom Phem, Cambodia, a trauma centre in Gulu, Uganda, help out war victims in Mozambique, provide support for refugees in Zaire, encourage girls to go to school and avoid prostitution in Thailand, and help people injured by landmines learn new skills worldwide.

Now, while all these activities are designed to provide support and comfort to people in developing countries, people in Canada will benefit as well. Part of the money raised by the Famine will provide breakfast for impoverished children in Red Deer, Saskatoon, Fredricton, Halifax, and in many other places across the country. This is what's so great about the 30 Hour Famine;



people in all countries will benefit from the money raised, including the country doing the raising.

And as if this wasn't enough incentive to raise money for this cause, the school that raises the most for World Vision will receive a free concert put on by Tom Cochrane, who has himself been involved with the Famine for many years.

So if a student shows up at your door with a 30 Hour Famine booklet and asks for a donation, I heartily suggest you give at least a little money to this worthy cause, and if you are participating in the famine, take pride in helping this organization and ...well... you shouldn't worry about being bored during your fast, at least according to Petra.

"We're going to have some bands entertain us, and we're going to play gladiators; just do all sorts of crazy stuff."

Going crazy for a cause. It has a nice ring, doesn't it?

The 30 Hour Famine activities will begin at the Aldergrove Community Centre on Friday, February 28 at 8 pm, and ends with a pancake breakfast at 7 am on Saturday. The Famine itself begins at 1 am Friday.

Library on sale

ABBOTSFORD – UCFV Library will hold a book sale, March 3 to 5, in Abbotsford, March 3 to 4 in Chilliwack. The book sale is open to the general public, featuring academic books, textbooks, paperbacks and magazines. For more information, call Elaine Robinson, local 4410 at either 853-7441 or 792-0025.

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Budget 'vague, fuzzy and quiet': White

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

ABBOTSFORD - Fraser Valley West Reform MP Randy White called the new federal budget 'vague, fuzzy and quiet,' and said the next election will be fought over proposed changes to the Canada Pension Plan.

"It was one of the quietest budgets I've ever sat through," he said. "Except for discussion of the CPP."

The big issue is the increase of about $650 per person, making the maximum of $36,000, per year. This translates into a $10 billion increase into the government's general revenue.

White is outraged by the 'tax grab,' saying the current (Liberal) and previous (Conservative) governments had the money, spent it, and want us to pay again.

He also lashed out at MPs who get a pension of about $32,000 per year after 10 years of service, with no increase in premiums, whereas an average person will only get about $9,000 per year. Reform MPs have opted out of the MP pension plan.

"The elite are at the top and stay there with no charge," White said.

Things the budget didn't deal with were jobs, policing and the justice system.

"It really amazed me that the government would virtually ignore such fundamental items in their budget," White said.

The president of the Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia, Bruce Hryciuk, said Finance Minister Paul Martin's pledge to not raise taxes is tainted by the proposed changes to the CPP.

"This budget is a delicate pre-election exercise meant to sustain confidence in the government's fiscal stewardship, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that CPP changes are going to dig deep into the pockets of middle income Canadians," he said.

Hryciuk questioned the budget's failure to address the unemployment rate, and said that unemployment levels cannot be allowed to remain over 9.7%. He added the CGA-BC remains convinced that small and medium sized business can foster job creation if freed to do so.

Bernice Kirk, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, British Columbia, said 'the Liberal government has once again made it clear that deficit cutting will continue at the expense of jobs.'

She continued, "They persist in justifying both the ongoing cuts to social programs and the refusal to effectively deal with the perks to big business by removing tax loopholes, (and) by saying that business creates the jobs.

"Unfortunately good jobs continue to be replaced by cheap labour jobs, and the social safety net that helps average Canadians continues to be eroded."

White said that Canadians still have an enormous debt, people are still unemployed, and now they will be getting more hacked off their paycheques. He questioned how much the average citizen can take.

There is little in the budget for B.C., and even less for Fraser Valley residents, according to White.

"For example, the $33 million earmarked for parental nutrition to promote the birth of healthy babies is good, but with only about $3 million coming to B.C, how much will be coming to the Fraser Valley?"

He said the $800 million to support research through the Canada Foundation for Innovation is good, but only $10 million for highways in small communities, and $15 million for tourism (about $1.5 million in B.C.) 'doesn't mean anything.'

The Liberals are also planning to overspend by $19 billion, which White calls extremely disappointing.

New photo copiers, new prices at libraries

ABBOTSFORD – Royal Bank assisted the Fraser Valley Regional Library in providing a service enhancement to patrons, by donating $15,000 towards the purchase of new photocopiers.

Photocopiers have been delivered to all 22 branches of the FVRL. The coin operated copiers will offer more features, including paper size choices, enlargement and reduction capabilities, higher speed and improved quality.

The price for an 8 1/2 x 11 inch copy has been reduced to 15¢ from 25¢. 8 1/2 x 14 inch copies are also available for 15¢, while a new size, 11 x 17 inches is now available for 25¢.

It's all too comfortable

By MAUDIE MacPHERSON

ALDERGROVE – Capt. Paul Martin guiding the Canadian financial ship says "Steady as she goes". No radical changes of direction. His goal is to eliminate the federal deficit. So it seems we'll all have to endure short term pain for the long term gain. I know of a fellow who bought himself a new pair of shoes in honor of the budget coming down on Tuesday. Then he finds Mr. Martin broke tradition and didn't splurge but rather wore his old shoes. The fellow felt like returning his shoes, but they were far too comfortable.

Well so goes the budget.

We had sixteen out to Carpet bowling last Thursday. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon, but we could do with a bigger crowd so as to use three carpets.

This Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 we are going to try Whist at the OAP Hall. This will be under the OAP rather than the Choral Group as previously run.

The general meeting of the O.A.P.O. will be on Friday, March 7 at 1:30 pm, always the first Friday of the month.

Bridge was held in the hall last Friday with Ernst Brodbeck first with a score of 6480, Renie Rowley second with 6270, third was Ralph Peterson 6190. John McDougall had 6130, Sheila McDougall 5940, and Gladys Peterson had a score of 5880. The draw went to Eileen Pawliuk.

The Pot Luck on Sunday evening was well attended, forty four I believe was the count. The food was excellent and plenty to suffice. Games were played after the dinner, some floor shuffleboard, others tried carpet bowling, and in the kitchen a group played cards.

The concert in the United Church last Sunday afternoon was reported as excellent.

Wednesday dance had a small crowd. Valley Ramblers provided the music. The Spot dance was won by Emillia Stamworth and Gordon Christie. The 50-50 draw went to Frank Luxton and Emillia Stamworth.

On behalf of the dancers and OAP members I would like to extend our sympathy to Helen Souther in the loss of her sister.

Saturday dance was not as well attended as usual, only 54. There is a lot of sickness among the seniors. The Spot dances went to Leroy Toures and Eleanor Anderson and Hazel Meetser and Leo Lenoine. 50-50 draw winners were George Yusko, Mary Sanderson, Ruth Jackson and Ted Jones. Door prizes were won by Millie Lichter and Doreen Briscoe.

Birthday wishes were extended to John Hyoomas.

News of Dorothy Seklinka in Battleford Sask. is that Dorothy is enjoying lots of visitors and has spoken to Mary Sanderson on the phone. We're thinking of you, Dorothy.

I read a piece about an eighty five year old fellow somewhere in the interior, who was happily enjoying life in his home with his wife, when an intruder began breaking down the door. The elderly fellow maimed the culprit and sent him to the hospital. Now the Mounties feel they'll have to charge the innocent victim. Personally I'd give him a medal.

This must be all the Seniors News.

From a contest I once tried on B.C. place names; I'm going to give you one to ponder: "Shelter for a panel truck".

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Murder-suicide a sad commentary on domestic abuse and violence

LANGLEY - A murder-suicide, which recently shocked the community, is a sad commentary on the work still needed to stop domestic abuse and violence. Langley resident, Debbie Monahan was beaten to death in her mother's Tsawwassen home by her former husband, who then committed suicide in his Langley home.

There are no easy answers on how to prevent this kind of violence, but part of the solution is the refuge, support and counselling provided by the Ishtar Transition Housing Society. As well as providing emergency shelter at two Langley-area transition houses, Ishtar and Libra, the society offers counselling services for women, and children who witness violence, at their administration office. Located at 5507 - 208 Street, this office tries to make a difference to the cycle of violence that plagues all communities.

Executive director Sherry Baker said their campaign to raise $750,000 for a new Langley transition house is steadily moving forward, with less than $200,000 yet to be raised. The current Ishtar home is showing signs of its age, and is to be replaced this year with a modern facility that meets current building code standards.

Baker said she was touched by a letter this week, from Marion and Glen Smith, who donated $100 to the project "in memory of Debbie Monahan... we hope you can use it to support other women, who attempt to leave abusive relationships to make a better life for themselves... (and) to encourage other citizens of Langley to also help stop the violence against women in abusive relationships."

Smith said, "Debbie expressed her fear of her husband on several occasions. No one should have to live with that kind of terror. No one should have to die. It isn't right. It isn't fair. We hope that through your efforts our community will get serious about stopping the violence. If they do, Debbie will not have died in vain."

LANGLEY

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

CITIZEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Council extends an invitation to the Langley community to establish citizen associations. The intent is to foster improved cooperation and provide information to Council on various areas of special interest (i.e. Airport, Equestrian) and geographic areas of Langley (i.e. Walnut Grove, Fort Langley, Aldergrove).

Information meetings on how to establish these committees will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- March 12, 1997 at the Aldergrove Elks Hall, 26970 Fraser Hwy.
- March 17, 1997 at the Fort Langley Lions Hall, 23022 - 88th Avenue
- March 18, 1997 at the Langley Civic Centre, 20699 - 42nd Avenue
- March 20, 1997 at the Walnut Grove Community Centre, 8889 Walnut Grove Drive

Citizen committees will not be required to establish a formal reporting structure to Council or Township staff, but must meet the following criteria:

- A minimum of 20 members
- Written objectives and bylaws of the association. The objectives of the association must be considered by Council as being beneficial to the overall interests of the municipality
- Revolving Executive
- Annual meeting and elections

Township staff will not participate as members on the committees, but a liason person will be available to inform on matters of protocol and procedure, and to attend some meetings where such assistance is required.

If your association is interested, or you would like to form a community association to provide input to Council, please come to one of the meetings. Interested groups will be asked to submit a written proposal to the Municipal Clerk, indicating their intent to form an association.

The proposal should include number of members, written objectives and bylaws, the executive positions, and dates of regular and annual meetings. Draft objectives and bylaws can be obtained from the municipal Clerk, or picked up at one of the information meetings.

Municipal Clerk's Division Rod Edwards
Municipal Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY 533-6100

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ASK ANNABELLE

Dear Annabelle,

While visiting a friend in Aldergrove, I read your column in the Star. Maybe you can help me with this problem my girlfriend and I have, more or less together.

I had a boyfriend in the small town we live in, and I thought I might be pregnant. I wanted to get a pregnancy test kit, but the only drugstore in our town is run by my uncle, and I couldn't let him see me buying that. So my girlfriend said she would buy it, and I agreed. Someone saw her there and told her boyfriend what they saw she was buying, with the result that her boyfriend packed his bag and left town. She hasn't seen or heard from him since. My boyfriend has also vanished, and gossip has it that he has gone to Europe. Now my girlfriend is mad at me and not talking. What can I do? By the way, I wasn't pregnant.

Signed: Sylvia.

Dear Sylvia,

If both your boyfriends have disappeared, they weren't that much interested in a life with you. I say you are well rid of them. Send my answer to your girlfriend and see if it helps. And for goodness sake, try to pick someone in the future with more backbone than these two losers had. Good luck.

Dear Annabelle,

Did you hear about the couple, who invited their doctor to dinner? They made him sit in a straight -backed chair in the hallway with a couple of months-old Time magazines, and after 45 minutes let him into the dining room.

Dear Annabelle,

I'm writing this to warn you and your readers about the danger of consulting these "psychics" that you phone up and consult for $5 a minute or whatever.

I'm a man in my mid-thirties. I live with my mother, and now I may never get married, because of the advice a psychic gave me. I have a bit of trouble making up my mind, you see, and so the other day, when I was about to go downtown to have a hamburger, I couldn't decide whether to have it with onions or not. I phoned this psychic, and she said to go for the onions.

Well, Annabelle, I went for the onions, and on the way home I met Sylvia, the librarian, whom I have been wanting to ask out on a date for several years now. I finally worked up the courage to ask her to go to bingo with Mother and me on Saturday night, but I guess I stood too close when I talked, because I could see her flinch and move back. It was those onions! She turned me down.

My heart is broken (and Mother and her boyfriend are real fed up with me), all because of listening to somebody who claims to know everything. Take heed!

Randy J., Aldergrove.

Dear Randy,

Psychics are just for laughs, as far as I know. Taking them seriously is a serious mistake, even it it's only a mess of onions.

Chicago Midwest Academy principal Vernon Lee (right) welcomes Mun Hope to Illinois, during his recent speaking tour.

Hope doing his bit for Aldergrove

ALDERGROVE – During his speaking tour in eastern Canada and the United States, Mun Hope was greeted by Midwest Academy principal Vernon Lee and Moody Bible radio pastor Don Cole. He also spoke at the St. Alexander Roman Catholic School and to Chicago University students.

While in the Maritimes, he was invited to a reception in Government House, and participated in an inspirational meeting with Nova Scotia Lieutenant-Governor James Kinley and Premier John P. Savage.

The Honourable Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons, addressed the meeting, and invited Mun Hope to a non-partisan leadership dinner and seminar, to be held during March 1997 in the House of Commons.

Hope will continue his goodwill tour in Quebec and southern Ontario during March.

In Illinois he was hosted by Jane Elliot Hawthorne, who was instrumental in arranging for his speaking engagements with more than 30,000 students. He was also greeted by John Montgomery, former director of State Television and Educational Facility, who had recommended him for speaking engagements in U.S. universities and colleges.

During a previous visit to the Mid-west, Mun Hope was introduced at a memorial rally of 65,000 people in the Soldier Field. He is doing his share to put Aldergrove in the spotlight, according to local businessmen, who appreciate these international goodwill tours, which have taken Mun Hope to Switzerland, Israel and many parts of South America, Europe and Asia.

Local company lands contract on Fort building

FORT LANGLEY – Country West Construction Ltd. of Abbotsford has won a contract for the construction of a new operations building for the Fort Langley National Historic Site. In the process, the company will be able to sustain six short-term jobs.

"The new operations building at the Fort Langley National Historic Site is just the latest in a long line of buildings at this location, some of which date back to 1826," said public works minister Diane Marleau. "This investment shows our commitment to maintaining a site that is strongly identified with the history of Canada and the history of the province of British Columbia. The Fort was established before Confederation and before B.C. was incorporated as a province."

Country West Construction Ltd. submitted the lowest of the seven qualified bids received for the work, which will be completed by mid-June 1997. Funding for this contract, valued at $534,762, was provided for in the February 1997 federal budget.

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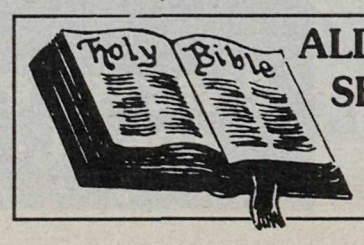

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OBITUARY

EVE: Donald Frank, late of Aldergrove B.C., passed away February 22, 1997 in Langley Memorial Hospital. Aged 84, he is survived by his loving wife Edna, seven children and two sisters. A Memorial Service will be held 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 27, 1997, at First Memorial Funeral Services, 27555 - 31st Ave., Aldergrove, B.C. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to B.C. Heart Foundation.

OBITUARY

HOOPER: Dorothea, passed away at Langley Memorial Hospital February 14, 1997. Predeceased by her son Ron in 1972 and her husband Bob December 24 1996. She leaves to mourn her, two granddaughters Jennifer and Cindy, four great-grandchildren and her sister Kathleen. Cremation. No funeral by request.

OBITUARY

LONGMUIR: Jessie Tye, sadly you passed away at birth. Our beautiful son, you will be loved and remembered forever by mom and dad Douglas and his wife Holly Longmuir, Aldergrove; grandparents Ken and his wife Belva Reid, Aldergrove; Harry and his wife Kathy Longmuir, Cloverdale, also many aunts and uncles. Services will be held at a later date. Cremation at Valley Crematorium, Chilliwack. Henderson's Fraser Valley Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

Henderson's Funeral Home
854-5534

JOURNALIST A HIT ATTRACTION

Pregnancy centre volunteers enjoy great night company

By KURT LANGMANN

ALDERGROVE - The Fraser Valley Crisis Pregnancy Centre's mission, according to board director Diane Palmer, is "to protect a woman's most delicate organ -- her brain." Volunteer counsellors "demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to women in crisis pregnancies" in a number of ways, that start with free pregnancy testing and "education that empowers them."

The centre was started several years ago by members of a local church congregation, and has now grown to involve four different denominations. Board director Tom Dixon told The Star that the service has become wellknown and respected, and he was delighted with the full house at the centre's annual fundraising dinner-auction, held Saturday evening at County Line Christian Fellowship.

"I think having (CBC news anchor) Kevin Evans as special guest tonight piqued a lot of interest," said Dixon, happily surveying the crowded room. He said the board is actively encouraging other denominations and faiths to support the work, which he said was pro-active and practical, as opposed to protesting outside abortion clinics. "I don't see the point in standing with a placard, when there's so many people who need help... God's most precious gift is us, and we should help those less fortunate."

Volunteer counsellors use cellular and home phones, and present alternatives, references to care services, housing and events, as well as clothing and other mothering needs. Palmer said 54

Diane Palmer

percent of pregnancy tests conducted last year were negative, but support and information is offered to all women. She said that while counsellors talk about methods used to prevent pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, such as condoms or "the pill," chastity is the only 100 percent effective method.

Evans, 42, who was appointed CBC's chief journalist last fall, specializes in political and government affairs. He started out in Winnipeg 26 years ago, joined CBC's Vancouver team in 1989, and is also involved with the Lutheran Urban Ministry, the Canadian Cancer Society, and is father of two children.

Observing that these are "very politically correct times, you're never sure where the landmines are." He said he was caught in a minor crossfire of criticism for speaking at Saturday's dinner -- from those who view journalists as "the enemy" and those who view valley residents as "fundamentalist rednecks. I am profoundly sad at the intolerance, the lack of love."

As a "Christian in the secular, mainstream media," Evans said there were many challenges, not least of which is a journalist's "training to question and doubt, accepting nothing at face value. Good reporters are listeners." Middle-age also means the "fires of youthful idealism fade."

Evans said that seeing the public "mesmerized by O.J., and the National Inquirer has the highest circulation... people would rather peek at a murder... it demeans and debases us. We gather a crowd to sell soap, and our worth is equated to how much we have bought.

"Christians are called upon to be reformers. What is news? When we depict the dark side, the suffering, it's a pretty grim portrait, and not a complete reflection. Where's the good news? We don't do that enough, and there's the opportunity for reform. The media has the power to transform, create social justice, I really believe it.

"I do not believe the media is anti-Christian; it's a reflection of society, which is pretty secular," said Evans. "Some colleagues tell me I don't have the journalist's 'killer instinct' (but when you talk about bias in the media) each story is filtered through a person's biases. The trick is to 'know thy biases'... and appreciate diversity... tolerance, respect, acceptance."

Evans said that for a journalist, a story might only be a 30-second soundbite, but "that portrayal will be with the (subject) for a long time." He closed with a quote from George Vanier, who once said that "respect for others is the source of my discretion."

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Students to swing at Michael Fox theatre

BURNABY – Over 1,200 students from lower mainland high schools will perform in jazz band and vocal jazz ensembles at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby South Secondary School, for the 74th annual Kiwanis Jazz Festival, February 27 to March 1. School districts include Abbotsford and Langley.

Each day begins at 9 am with groups performing every 25 minutes until 5 pm. Thursday's mid-day break at 11:45 am features special guest performance of Capital Jazz and Nitecap, vocal jazz ensembles directed by Réjean Marois. Friday and Saturday's mid-day break features Douglas College Night Band, directed by Robin Shier, and Capilano College Jazz Band, directed by Brad Turner.

There are 40 jazz bands and 15 vocal jazz ensembles taking part in this annual event. The philosophy of the festival has moved toward a non-competitive environment of musical exchange. Each ensemble will be evaluated by a team of distinguished jazz music educators, followed by workshops.

An ongoing musical feasts, the Kiwanis Music Festival continues throughout the spring with concert band, choral and individual performances. The Kiwanis Music Festival is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Vancouver. Admission is by donation.

Bus heads for Seattle show

FORT LANGLEY – The Langley Centennial Museum is offering a bus trip to the Seattle Art Museum with art historian Justine Newell. Register today for Saturday, March 15. An introductory mini-lecture and video will be presented on the bus ride down to Seattle. After the tour of the museum, there will be about two hours free time to explore Pike Street Market. Registration fee of $45 includes GST, all admissions and transportation. Phone 888-3922 to register.

The visit to the Seattle Art Museum will include its newest exhibit, Matisse, Picasso and Friends: Masterworks from the Cone Collection of the Baltimore Museum of Art. This feature exhibit includes 65 seldom seen works on paper by Matisse, Picasso, Degas and Van Gogh.

Instructor Justine Newell is a knowledgeable and popular art historian and artist, who speaks regularly at lower mainland museums, galleries and on cruise ships. He presents a lively lecture, which will be sure to make this trip to Seattle memorable.

Gel at the Legion jam

By MADELINE ROACH

ALDERGROVE – This week the Legion has Wylie & the Other Guy on stage Thursday from 8 to 12. Midnight Eagles play Friday and Saturday from 9 to 1, and Sunday from 4:30 to 8:30. On Sunday the band welcomes any players who want to perform in a jam session on stage.

Summer is on the way, and the branch is planning on starting up the mixed slo pitch team for the season. They are holding a team information meeting on Sunday, March 9 at 1 pm in the hall. This meeting is open to all interested members of the Aldergrove Legion, who would like to play slo pitch in a mixed zone league. If you are interested, please show up at the meeting.

Looking for the entertainers

MISSION - Residents of Pleasantview care home on Hurd Street are seeking local entertainers who specialize in good, old time music, and available for hour-long programs at the facility.

A programmer there said that groups such as the Old Time Fiddlers are popular guest performers, and they are looking for more talents in this vein to brighten the days of residents. They have a very modest budget to work with, and appreciate any donations of service or money.

For more information, call Peggy or Gloria at Pleasantview, 826-2154.

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Kwantlen events

LANGLEY – Kwantlen's coming events include a Faculty Chamber Music Recital, Piazzolla and Jazz, Friday, March 7, 8 pm at Performance Hall. Pre-concert introduction at 7:15 pm, Room 2080.

Student concerts and recitals:

Business of Music Concert - Friday, March 231, 8 pm.

Kwantlen Chorus Concert - Friday, April 4, 8 pm.

Kwantlen Winds and Trinity Western University Wind Ensemble Concert, Saturday - April 5, 7:30 pm.

Kwantlen Strings Concert - Tuesday, April 8, 8 pm.

Diversity Recital, Monday - March 3, 5 pm.

Flute Recital, Monday - March 10, 4 pm.

Piano Chamber Recital - Monday, March 10, 7:30 pm.

Guitar and Voice Recital - Monday, March 24, 5 pm.

Piano Recital - Monday - March 24, 7:30 pm.

Guitar Chamber Music Recital - Monday, April 7, 4 pm.

Guitar Ensemble Recital - Tuesday, April 8, 1 pm.

Mixed recitals will also take place on Wednesday, March 19, 5 pm, Wednesday, March 26, 5 pm, Wednesday, April 2, 5 pm, and Wednesday, April 9, 5 pm.

All events will take place in the Performance Hall, 20901 Langley Bypass. For further information or confirmation of recitals, call 599-3315.

Students tops at competition

ALDERGROVE – Last week, 20 music students from Aldergrove Secondary School competed at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. This international festival drew 14,000 students from the Pacific northwest and British Columbia to compete each day and to hear concerts by world-class jazz musicians each night, from Feb. 19 to 22.

Aldergrove's Senior Jazz Choir achieved first place in the AA division, winning a complete Ludwig drumset and an opportunity to perform in the Winners' Concert.

Tyler Summers was named the best alto saxophone player, winning a $1,000 scholarship and a soprano saxophone. Tyler performed with the other soloist winners in the Final Evening concert.

Also, both the Combo and the Senior Jazz Band were runner-up in their divisions. Under the directorship of Marty Summers and Laurie Lawson, these hard-working students are fine musicians, who represent Aldergrove Secondary and the Langley School District with pride.

Arts at Plaza

ABBOTSFORD – The Mennonite Central Committee is hosting an art show featuring several local Mennonite artists. The artwork includes paintings, drawings, quilts, and sculpture by artists Edith Krause, Connie Lepp, Laura Sportak, David Kaarsmaker, and Veronica and Kelly Harms.

Since the show has no particular theme, the art featured is simply the expression of each artist's view of life. Edith Krause, whose quilt Holy Hands is featured in the window, said "I am especially interested in depicting the ordinary lives of women and children in my work, since this is what my life revolves around - being a mother and homemaker." Her quilt depicts vignettes of domestic life.

The public is invited to view the art at Connections, 31872 S. Fraser Way. The show runs until March 15.

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Working studio fashioned out of a local heritage building

By KURT LANGMANN

ALDERGROVE - Call it the house that Norval Morrisseau built. It's a bit of hyperbole, but Bryant Ross, one of the partners who owns the Coghlan Art Studio and Gallery, said the world-famous Ojibway artist helped them come up with the down-payment on the massive concrete building next to the railway tracks at 26168 - 58 Avenue.

The building is a local landmark -- there are two others in Vancouver and one on Vedder Mountain near Yarrow -- built in the early part of the century, by B.C. Electric, as stations for its electric trolley service that used to run out to Rosedale. The service was killed when "horseless carriages" took over, but there's a good many oldtimers here, who can recall riding the system. Holt Glass operated a glazing factory in the building and its six acres for several years, but it had sat vacant for about 20 years before Ross, Craig Thompson and Drew Andre bought it from a local farmer in 1989.

The concept was to transform it into a working studio, and have chipped away at major capital investments, but it's a challenge. The top floor gallery has 3,000 square feet, 29-foot high ceilings and condensation problems that have defied the owners' installation of in-floor radiant heating. However, they're confident this war will be won, eventually, because there's much to its credit. It's a heritage building, with plenty of potential. Eighteen inch thick walls of reinforced concrete, steel vault doors, and heavy tempered glass windows (the latter were left behind by Holt Glass, and retrofitted by the partners), make it virtually impenetrable. Thieves would need noisy, heavy equipment and several hours of time to get inside, and there's always somebody standing watch inside.

"This building is like a godsend," said Ross. "We've had steady growth over the last six years."

Ross is a potter and carver, and Thompson and Andre are potters, and have built a walk-in kiln in the back. They also provide space for other artists -- during The Star's visit on Thursday, Gene Brabant, Stan Hunt and his nephew, Jason Hunt, were busy carving traditional style native masks from yellow cedar for upcoming shows. Morrisseau has moved into his own home in White Rock now, but still comes out to Coghlan to do his large paintings when health allows him. Coghlan Art is Morrisseau's agent, and Ross was busy packing selected pieces for shipment to Germany that afternoon.

Ross said it's ironic that west coast native art sells better in America, and now Europe, than at home, but it's not unique. He blames it partly on the "bastardized images that we grew up with -- there's so many souvenir shops selling sub-par work, that as a whole we don't appreciate it as much as we should."

There's also the trends aspect, said Ross, pointing to the current Japanese fascination with French Provincial styles. "The Japanese are the most trendy people in the world, and when something catches on, they want it all. We are seeing more Japanese interest though -- we just sent over a 12-foot totem pole." Trends can also be an artist's undoing, he added, pointing out that the rage for Southwestern Americana petered out when it became so common that it was on pillowcases and tablecloths: "That killed it."

Ross said Coghlan Art caters to the fine art end, "with as much authenticity as possible. Traditions and heritage are passed down, but everyone has his own approach. It's not a static culture, it grows and changes, and many borrow from other materials and cultures as well. People talk about how natives should assimilate into our culture, but assimilation works both ways, if it's going to be successful."

Ross said some of the artists he represents are in what he calls the "potlatch style", but he notes that even the more traditional artists like Oscar Matilpi have their own stamp, or identity, that sets them apart from pieces by their long-dead forefathers. One of Matilpi's pieces was commissioned by the Philadelphia Children's Museum, because they wanted a traditional-style piece without the problems of a genuine artifact.

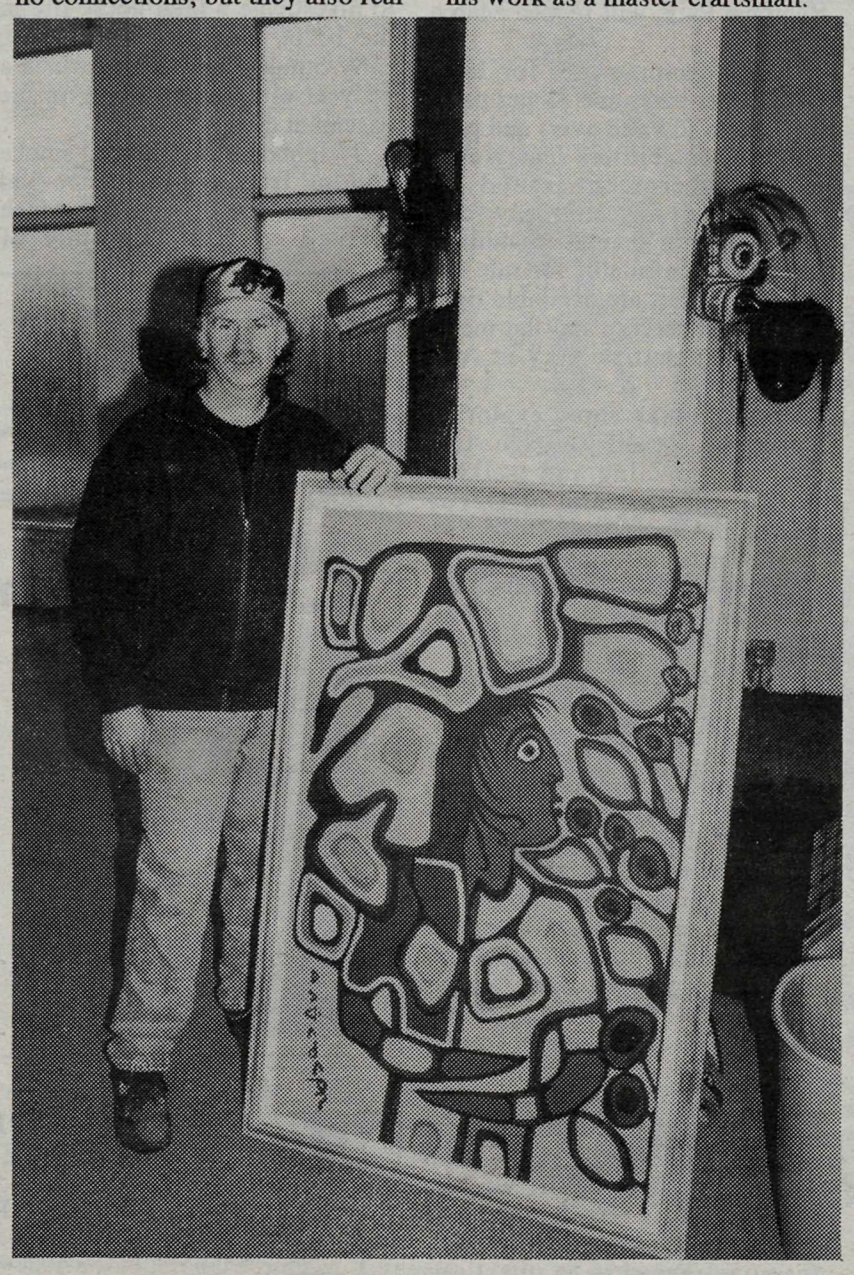
Ross said, "There's always been a trade in this kind of work (among natives)," but there have been legal claims against museums which acquired artwork against the wishes of the owners. Such is the case of a whaling shrine that disappeared from a native community near Port Alberni over 100 years ago, and recently surfaced at New York's Museum of Natural History. "It was sold from underneath them and was stored in crates in a warehouse until 15 years ago, because the museum didn't want anyone to know they had it," said Ross.

"Museums are shying away from the old pieces for this reason. They want new work, with no connections, but they also realize that the new work is meritous," said Ross. Some of this work is available locally at Fort Langley's Birthplace of B.C. and Vancouver's Doug Reynolds galleries, but the biggest market is in the U.S. Coghlan Art is heading to Seattle's ArtFair shortly, and shows at the Stonington Gallery and in Portland are always successful.

Ross said Morrisseau is now 66, and has hip and knee problems familiar to oldtimers. "He wants to come out here to do some larger pieces in the next couple of weeks, but he can't make it up the stairs. I told him I'd lift him in with a forklift," said Ross with a laugh. The narrow steps are one of the reasons the gallery is not normally open to visitors. However, viewing is available by appointment. Call 644-5285.

The west coast native art is paying the bills, but the pottery by Ross, Thompson and Andre is also becoming established. Thompson sells at Birthplace of B.C. and other galleries locally, and said he's now coming to the age, where he will begin to sign his work as a master craftsman.

West coast artists Jason Hunt and uncle, Stan Hunt busy at work on pieces of a large raven's mask that was commissioned for a show in Seattle later this spring. Coghlan Art Studio and Gallery is a working studio, ideal for the artists who work in a variety of mediums and styles.



Bryant Ross with one of Norval Morrisseau's paintings in the top floor gallery of Coghlan Art Studio and Gallery. -Kurt Langmann photos

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Aldergrove meeting date changed

ALDERGROVE - Township council's public meeting date planned for June at the Kinsmen Community Centre has been changed to June 9, rather than the June 23 previously announced. The reason for the change is to take advantage of Rogers community cable coverage, which is available only at municipal hall and not out in the community. Rogers has scheduled broadcast of the June 23 meeting and not the June 9 meeting, so council has decided to accommodate this.

Additional council meetings in the community were also set for July 7 at South Langley Mennonite Brethern Church, 20098 Fernridge Crescent, and on Nov. 3 at Fort Langley Community Hall.

Deputy mayor Muriel Arnason said on Monday that she was "not in favour" of the community meetings. "Council needs time to settle down... people want to go to the hall where meetings are usually held."

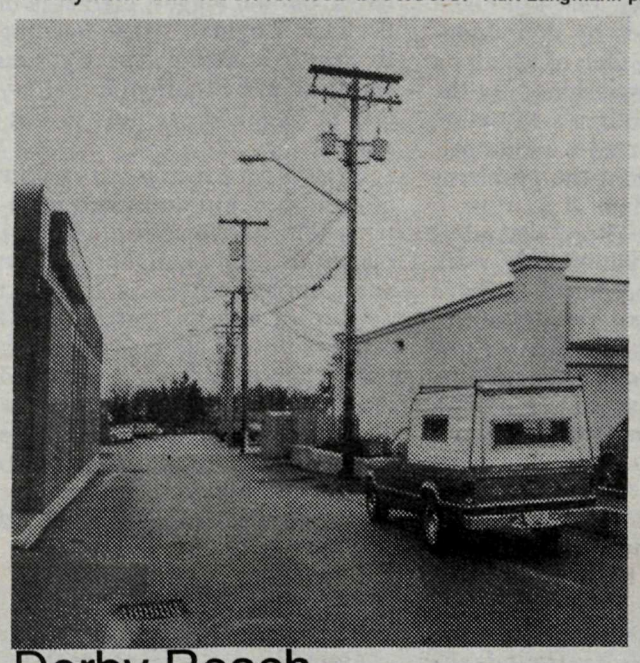
CNIB not soliciting

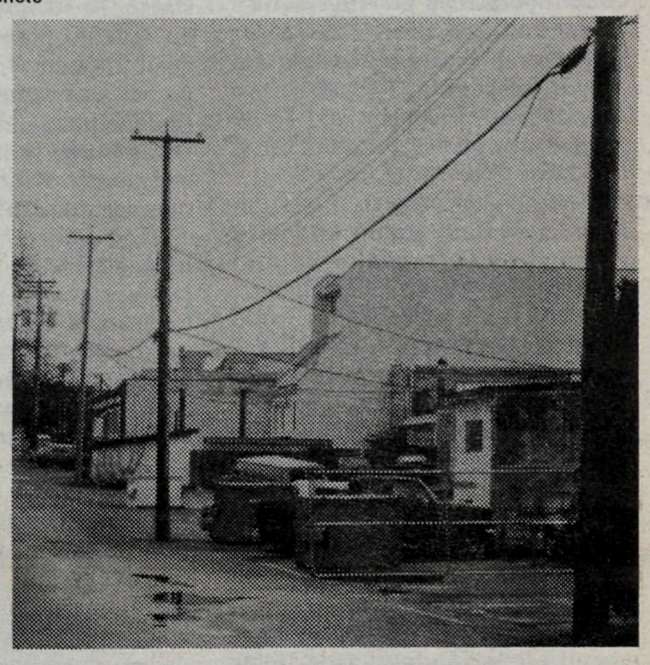
VANCOUVER – The Canadian National Institute for the Blind wishes its supporters in the Aldergrove area to know that it is not conducting door-to-door campaigns to raise money for its services in this community.

Another organization is canvassing door-to-door for the blind, and many people in the community believe that they are supporting CNIB activities by supporting this campaign. The CNIB has no legal affiliation with this organization.

The CNIB is a United Way member agency, and their representatives are clearly identified. Ask to see the identification of all canvassers when they call.

Aldergrove power poles, chapter two: Above is a view of Fraser Highway's poles and wires running down both sides of the street. Below left is the alleyway, 35 paces to the north of Fraser Highway, with its own set of power poles. Below right is the alleyway, 35 paces to the south of Fraser Highway, with yet another set of power poles. Almost all of the Fraser Highway buildings are connected to the poles in the alleyways. Aldergrove certainly can't complain of being "under-power-poled," but the question remains: Why four sets of lines? What are the costs of removing the poles on this part of the highway, and moving the wires underground or into the alleys? Readers of The Star's on-line edition can check out what Fraser Highway would look like without the poles, as the publishers will have computer enhanced alterations of the photos ready later this week for web browsers. -Kurt Langmann photo





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Derby Reach open for camp

LANGLEY – The campground at Edgewater Bar, Derby Reach Regional Park, will reopen March 1.

Daily camping fees for 1997 are $12 per party and $9 per party for seniors (65 and over) and people with disabilities (carrying a valid government-issued or SPARC card indicating any form of physical or mental disability). Firewood is available for sale on-site. Campsites are available first-come, first-served, and the maximum consecutive stay is four days.

Visitors may enjoy exploring the newly-opened Heritage Area and 1 km cycling and walking trail at the east end of Derby Reach on Allard Crescent.

For further information call the Greater Vancouver Regional District Parks department at 530-4983 or 432-6350.

Fatal house fire investigated

SURREY - Police are continuing to investigate a fatal house fire in the 10200 block of 143A Street, early Sunday morning, in which a 35 year-old woman living in the basement died.

Neighbours had noticed smoke coming from the residence and called the fire department, which arrived to find the body of Sheryle Lynne Pepin inside. An autopsy will be performed Monday to determine the exact cause of death.

The fire appears to have been accidental, and foul play is not suspected. Anyone with information about this fire is asked to call Cst. Gary Rodricks of the Surrey RCMP at 599-0502 (local 3925).

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Seminar on taxes and land

SURREY – On March 11, 7 pm, at their theatre, 15463-104 Avenue, the Fraser Valley Real estate Board is offering a helpful public seminar just in time for the upcoming tax season. Homeowners, and people considering homeownership, will not want to miss Real Estate & Taxes: What Everyone Needs to Know. To register, call 588-6555 or 853-4492.

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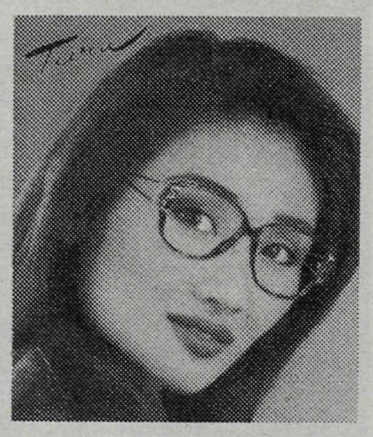

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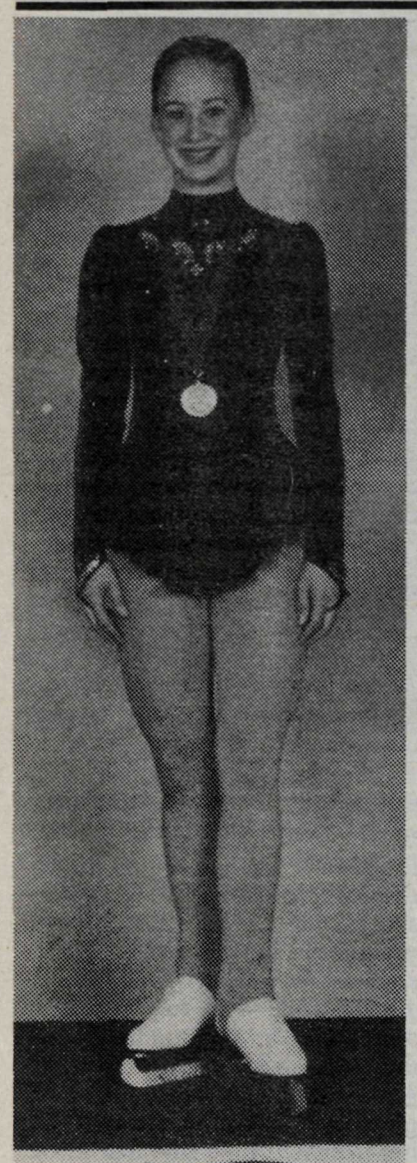

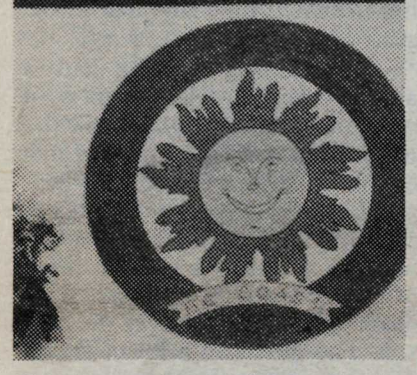

Aldergrove skater, Melissa Hughes brought home two silver medals from the B.C. Coast Regions Competition held at Sungod Arena in January. Melissa Hughes placed second in freeskate preliminary ladies 11 and over competition, which made her eligible for the finals, where she came in second overall, giving her a silver medal.

Speed skaters haul off medals

ALDERGROVE - Local speed-skaters hauled in the largest amount of medals ever, from the B.C. Winter Games. The Fraser Valley's Zone 3 had 37 athletes bring home 12 gold medals, 15 silver and six bronze.

"With coaches Jerry Ramsay, Robyn Janssens and Sophia Kisch urging the athletes to do their personal bests, our athletes out-performed all the other seven zones," said spokesperson Terry Hollo.

Winners from the Aldergrove club included Solon Bucholtz (class 1 male, 13 years old, 10th overall) and Jeff Kitura (class 3 male, 16-17 years old, gold). Kitura broke the B.C. Winter Games record in his 777m race at 1:23:08, 500m race at 53:88, and 1500m race at 2:54:08. Stuart Bucholtz, Solon's father, won bronze, as well as 3000m relay gold (class 5 male, 20-45 years old).

Matsqui Blades winners included Jessica McArthur (silver), Alison Testroete (bronze), Brodie Reid (gold, and a games record in 666m, 1:15:61), Chris Arthur (fifth overall), Derek Sim (silver, 1500m relay silver), Eric Testroete (sixth overall), Arjen VanEekelen (eleventh overall).

FROM WINTER GAMES

Girls bring home bronze

LANGLEY – The Zone 3 ringette team, made up of players from Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, Surrey, Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam, won bronze on Sunday at B.C. Winter Games held in Campbell River.

Four teams were tied going into Saturday's game with two wins and a tie each. This meant, for Zone 3, that their final game needed to be a win, and to keep the opposition to a single goal in order to make it to the gold finals.

Their strategy was to try to stop Vancouver Island's top scorer from getting near the net. Unfortunately, he got two beautiful goals up high and into the corner of the net before the team responded by putting more than nine goals into their net.

The bronze medal game put Zone 3 up against Zone 8 from Prince George and Quesnel, who happened to be the team they tied 7-7 in round robin. The game was fast paced, with lots of action at both nets and was deadlocked at 2-2 till well into the second period, when two quick goals from Lindsay Brown, assisted by Daniel Altilia, spurred the girls on, and they finished with an 8-2 win to take the bronze medal.

The games were represented from Fraser Valley Ringette by goalie Kaeli Campbell (who let in only 4 goals in the three games she played), defense Logan Barbour (who worked hard at checking the ring and keeping the opponent's scorers out of the net) and forwards Danielle Altilia, Lindsay Brown and Stacey Thorson (who managed to get that goal into the net when it was needed most). Congratulations girls, you represented our association well both on and off the ice.

Thunder opens downtown

LANGLEY – The Thunder invites everyone to attend an open house at their new downtown Langley office at 5499 Salt Lane from 1 to 4 pm, Saturday, March 1.

"We want to say thanks to the community for their support," said coach Paddy Flynn. "It will be a great chance to come down for a pop or coffee and meet the guys before the end of the season."

There will also be a draw for free tickets and an autographed stick every half hour. Plus one lucky fan will win a season ticket for next year.

The Thunder play their last game Sunday, March 2, 6:15 pm at the Langley Civic Centre against the Chilliwack Chiefs. The theme for the evening is Fan Appreciation Night. All tickets are half price. Team mascot Thunderman and his sidekick, Bolt, will spend their time giving away hundreds of prizes during the intermissions. The player winning the Fan Favourite award will be announced, as will the winners of a season-long contest for travel prizes and skates.

"Our home record this year has been pretty good," said Flynn. "We've won the majority of our home games. We're right around .600 now. That's not bad for a team that's had the injury problems this team has had all year."

The Thunder lost over 150 player-games due to injuries this season. Those included season-ending injuries to Steve Donaher, Ryan Marien, Mike Morriset and Brian Herbert.

Instead of sending the injured players home, as other teams would do, the Thunder took an active role in their rehabilitation and considered their inclusion in team functions crucial to that process.

"We're trying to do some team-building here based on quality of character," explained Flynn. "For instance, Steve Doneher's junior hockey career as a player is over. But he's a quality individual whose leadership in and out of the dressing room is important to what we're trying to achieve here. That's why he's now at 20 the youngest assistant coach in the league."

The Thunder have helped other players make the jump to the next level. Dorey Tisdale will join former Thunder defenseman Scott Peach with the Dartmouth University Hockey squad via scholarship.

And through his connections in pro hockey, general manager Roy Henderson was able to arrange for goalie Scott Reid to finish out the season with the Bakersfield Fog of the professional West Coast Hockey League. Reid will join first-year Thunder scoring star Jeff Anotonivich, now playing centre for the northern California team.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," said Reid. "The Thunder staff have been excellent. This chance came up sooner than I thought it would."

Flynn said, "We're really happy to help Scotty with this chance to play pro. I mean, after all, that's one of the reasons we're here."

Wolverines extend streak

ALDERGROVE – The Century 21 Wolverines extended their unbeaten streak to 6 games this week in Novice Division action at Aldergrove Arena.

In the first game Feb. 20, the Wolverines roared back from a 4-2 deficit to score 5 straight goals and win 7-4 over the pesky Aldergrove Pirates. Goalie Joel Feitsma was outstanding, at one point making 5 consecutive saves from close in, during 15 second span.

Trevor Cameron led the way offensively with 2 goals, 1 assist and Jimmy Grange 1 goal, 3 assists, Steven Hill 1 goal, 1 assist, Mark Potomak 1 goal, 1 assist, Cal Bennett 2 goals, Ryan Johnson 2 assists, Dustin Gray and Josh Udell 1 assist also contributed.

In the second game Feb. 22, the Wolverines were in tough against the Mad Dogs. Led by the stellar goaltending of Brandon Lawson, the Wolverines clawed their way to a 4-4 tie.

Trevor Cameron bagged the hat trick, and Jimmy Grange had a goal and an assist. Ryan Johnson and Cal Bennett chipped in with single assists.

During their unbeaten streak, Wolverines' success is attributed to hard work and a commitment to team defence and passing, and all the players deserve credit.

The Wolverines next play 5:45 pm, Feb. 27, at Aldergrove Arena.

THUNDER
LANGLEY HOCKEY BCJHL

FEBRUARY 19th ...South Surrey scored 3 times in the 1st period building a 3-1 lead & hung on for a 6-4 win in Langley. Chris Heisten scored the winner & Rod Bowers scored his league leading 46th for the Eagles while Stanislav Kacir scored a pair in a losing cause.

PERIOD 1
6:51 SUR PP A.Schneekloth (S.Gomez, R.Bowers)
12:27 SUR K.Wilson (D.Lattery, J.Ficenec)
14:38 SUR J.Ficenec (D.Lattery A.J. Begg)
16:12 LAN PP C.Larsen (T.Lomson, T.Wideman)

PERIOD 2
3:05 SUR J.Nabseth
13:48 LAN PP T.Lomson (S.Kacir, C.Laniuk)

PERIOD 3
11:19 SUR C.Heinsten (D.Lattery, R.Bowers)
13:26 LAN S.Kacir (W.Mason, K.Wideman)
14:38 SUR R.Bowers (D.Vandermeer, C.Heinsten)
15:16 LAN PP S.Kacir (D.Gaudet, C.Larsen)

GOALTENDERS RECORD ACTUAL SHOTS

	1P	2P	3P	TOT.SV.	TOT.MIN.
LANGLEY					
L.Mayes	16	13	4	33	60
SOUTH SURREY					
C.Peck	9	9	16	34	60

PENALTY MIN. LANGLEY 22-95 (3 MISCOND)
S. SURREY 28-132 (7 MISCOND)

FEBRUARY 21st ...Kam Kryzanowski switched his number from 44 to 9 and had a 3 point night, scoring once and assisting twice. Matthew Smith scored twice including the winner to lead Langley to a 6-3 victory over visiting Prince George.

PERIOD 1
5:35 PG D.Kozier (D.Laouceur, D.Robin)
17:27 LAN K.Kryzanowski (T.Wideman, S.Kacir)

PERIOD 2
3:42 LAN T.Wideman (K.Kryzanowski)
8:21 LAN PP M.Smith (K.Wideman, C.Larsen)
16:47 PG T.Mounsey (B.Fleenor, A.Loncan)
17:24 LAN M.Smith (R.Savage, T.Wideman)

PERIOD 3
4:42 LAN S.Metherac (C.Larsen, K.Kryzanowski)
7:46 PG D.Laduceur (D.Kozier)
8:58 LAN T.Wideman (D.Tisdale, S.Kacir)

GOALTENDERS RECORD ACTUAL SHOTS

	1P	2P	3P	TOT.SV.	TOT.MIN.
LANGLEY					
L.Mayes	6	9	7	22	60
PRINCE GEORGE					
D.Lebrecque	11	12	9	32	60

PENALTY MIN. NOT AVAILABLE

FEBRUARY 23rd ...Powell River scored twice in the 1st period & hung on for a 2-1 win in Langley.

PERIOD 1
2:42 PR M.Stutzel (J.Hoggan, C.Bell)
14:03 PR W.Livingston (C.Bell)

PERIOD 2
19:10 LAN SH T.Wideman (D.Gaudet)

PERIOD 3 - NO SCORING

GOALTENDERS RECORD ACTUAL SHOTS

	1P	2P	3P	TOT.SV.	TOT.MIN.
LANGLEY					
L.Mayes	10	6	12	28	60
POWELL RIVER					
P.Brady	5	13	5	23	60

PENALTY MIN. LANGLEY 3-6
POWELL R. 6-12

BCJHL SEASON STANDINGS – FEB 23rd

	W	L	s/o L	GF	GA	TP	s/o W-L
COASTAL DIV.							
South Surrey Eagles	46	7	5	355	171	97	2 5
Nanaimo Clippers	34	20	4	261	234	72	5 4
Cowichan V. Capitals	31	24	4	226	195	66	4 4
Powell R. Paper Kings	31	24	3	184	200	65	4 3
Chilliwack Chiefs	30	25	1	226	247	61	2 1
Victoria Salsa	24	34	1	210	268	49	6 1
Langley Thunder	20	34	4	221	280	44	1 4
INTERIOR DIV.							
Vernon Vipers	38	14	5	321	204	81	1 5
Trail Smoke Eaters	38	18	1	293	218	77	5 1
Penticton Panthers	29	26	2	267	232	60	1 2
P.George Spruce Kings	27	29	2	229	275	56	4 2
Merritt Centennials	21	31	4	169	238	46	3 4
Quesnel Millionaires	6	51	2	193	395	14	0 2

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Keeping the dream alive

ALDERGROVE – The Perkins Excavating Midget 'A' Bruins have kept the dream alive with two straight wins in the playoffs. It hasn't been an easy series, but the team has worked hard to gain four points in the round-robin series. The first game last Wednesday saw Sandy Brown score a natural hat trick and add one assist to lead the team to a 5-4 victory over Killarney. Other goals by Chris Colonval and David Haber made the difference, as the Killarney team never gave up. Kevin Keith had three assists in the game, while Nick Seguin with two and Derek Day had assists as well. The game was a back and forth affair with the Bruins taking an early lead, only to relinquish it to an aggressive Killarney team. It was tied 4-4 going in to the third period with Haber's goal making the difference.

It was almost a rewritten script on Monday evening, when the Bruins faced an upbeat perky Port Moody team. Fresh off an upset victory of Mission, the Port Moody team wasn't about to roll over! The Bruins took an early 3 goal lead, as Sandy Brown (assists to Darren Caldwell and Chris Colonval), David Haber (assists to Matt Holmes and Kevin Keith), and Kevin Keith (assists to David Haber and Brent Adams) all scored. Port Moody then roared back to tie the score, as poor backchecking and defensive play cost the Bruins their lead. Derek Day (assist to Kevin Keith) scored with 20 seconds left in the second period to restore the lead, and from that point on it was never look back. Kevin Keith (assist to Mike Shipley) scored his second of the night to start the third, this was followed by a Port Moody tally, but Sandy Brown (assist to Derek Day) and David Haber (assist to Kevin Keith and Brent Adams) put the icing on the game.

A hard fought victory, but it leaves the Bruins in the drivers seat with 4 points heading in to the final action of the round-robin series Their next game is scheduled for Saturday night at 8 pm against Mission. This will be a real team effort, but we have confidence in their taking the Mission team.

Thunder Reid goes pro

LANGLEY – Thunder goaltender Scott Reid joined the ranks of pro hockey today as a member of the Bakerfield Fogg in the West Coast Hockey League.

Reid will play with former Thunder Star, Jeff Antonovich, who has been with the Northern California hockey team since the start of the season.

Thunder general manager Roy Henderson, who has close ties to the Fogg after serving as the team's director of player personnel, set up the deal for Reid.

"This is a great opportunity for Scott," said Thunder coach Paddy Flynn. "As an organization, we're extremely pleased that we could help him make the jump to the next level. We wish Scotty every success towards his goal of playing professional hockey."

Flynn said Reid's move to the pros now gives the Thunder's Lance Mayes a chance to play the majority of games between the pipes for the rest of the year.

"Lance has really developed into a solid goaltender over the course of the season. On a number of occasions he's stolen two points for us," said Flynn.

He noted that goalie Jason Montgomery, from the Junior "B" Steelers, will also get a shot to play at least one game this season.

"Jason will be invited to camp next year and this gives us a chance to have a look at him now and see what he can do."

The Thunder play home games against Prince George, February 21, Powell River, February 23, and Chilliwack, March 2. The team will also hold an open house from 1 pm until 4 pm Saturday, March 1, at the Thunder's new downtown Langley office at 5499 Salt Lane.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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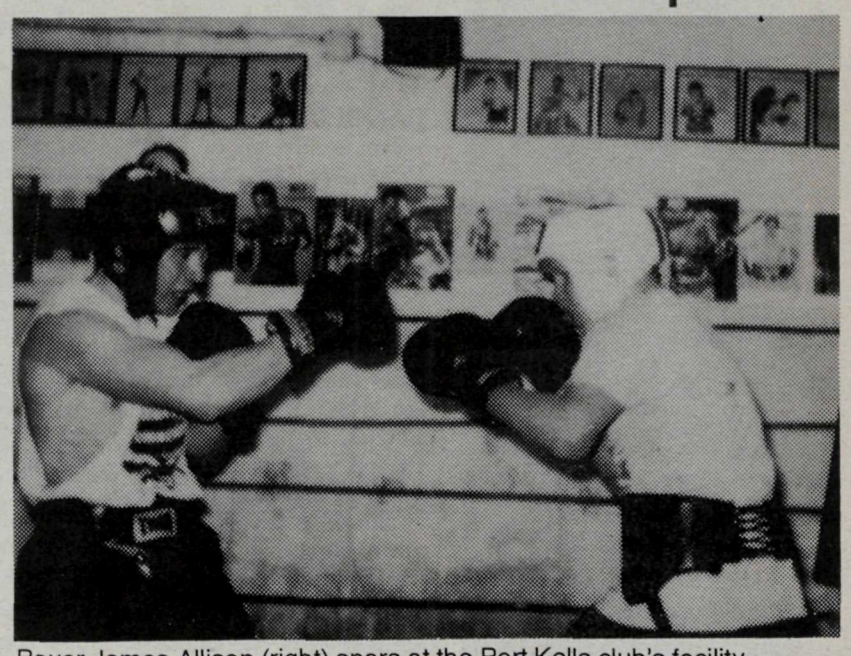
Fight night will see local champs

CLOVERDALE – Boxing returns Saturday, March 1, with six Port Kells boxers fighting in action. The main event will see a heavyweight bout between long time BC heavyweight champion Wayne Jackson of the Astoria Boxing Club and undefeated heavyweight Don Danchello.

James Allison, 14 of Aldergrove, will be in action, when he fights Steve Featherson, 15 of Squamish. Allison, who won the BC Provincials at 139 lbs will fight at 147 lbs for Saturday's fight. Allison also has been selected to fight for BC at the Nationals in April.

The Cloverdale Fight Night is the second show this year held by the Port Kells Boxing Club. The 12-bout card starts at 8 pm, Saturday at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds.



Boxer James Allison (right) spars at the Port Kells club's facility.

Mad Dogs, Wolverines in skirmish

ALDERGROVE – The Mad Dogs and the Wolverines of the Novice division, played an excellent game of hockey on Saturday, February 22. The teams played at such even strength, it was as enjoyable for the fans to watch as it was for the teams to play it.

Jeremy Bolduc was in the net for the Mad Dogs, and made some awesome saves in every period. With the play fast and furious in both ends, it took the whole team to work together to score, and to keep from being scored on. Drew Kivinen, Scott Pearce, and Doug Storoshenko played above the call of duty at the blue line. Both teams scored two goals in the first period, two goals in the second, and both teams were held scoreless in the third.

Final score was 4-4. The goals scored for the Mad Dogs were a hat-trick and an assist by T.J. Utu, and a goal and two assists by Erick Ruud.

The Mad Dogs' next game is Saturday, March 1 at 2:30 pm at Aldergrove Arena.

Team registration

ABBOTSFORD – Fraser Valley Touch Football League team registration is Tuesday, March 4 from 7 to 9 pm at G.G.'s Sports Bar. For more information contact B. Stewart, 854-5084.

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Bunnies energized to the max

LANGLEY – The Fraser Valley Bunnies completed their season this past weekend with a hard fought 6-5 win against West Vancouver. The victory ended a very successful season, which saw the youngest Fraser Valley ringette squad compile a 6-1-1 record. This record was due to a very strong finish, after opening with only one win in the first three games. The bunnies only play games after Christmas after learning to skate in the first half of the season.

Coach Dave Gunning said "I am very proud of this team, as it was one of the youngest in the league, and we had 5 players that had never skated before. The girls worked very hard and were a pleasure to coach." The veteran bunnies, if there is such a thing, played very well and provided most of the scoring over the season. The girls had a lot of fun in practise and without realizing it became much improved skaters over the season, which was the main reason for their success.

Striker and Dragon in showdown

SURREY – The 17th edition of the Pat Brennan Memorial will feature two of B.C.'s best four-year-old pacers.

Dal Reo Striker, owned by Delta vegetable farmer Patrick Wong, and Red Star Dragon, owned by Robert Murphy of White Rock, locked up spots in the $30,000 final with convincing wins in the $4,500 eliminations Friday, February 21.

The Pat Brennan final, slated for the March 1, Saturday afternoon card, honors one of the founding fathers of modern day harness racing in B.C.

Pirates fall prey to Wolverines

ALDERGROVE – As the old saying goes, "Work hard and reap the benefits". Well, that doesn't always hold true.

The Aldergrove Pirates played a great hard grinding game with the Wolverines in Novice division action last Thursday, but came up short in a 7-4 loss.

The tight checking first period ended in a 2-2 tie with goals from M.J. Lebrun and Michael Poole.

The second period opened up with two goals from the Pirates in the first three minutes. A nice shot by Cody Reynolds from Michael Hynes, and Caleb stuffed one in off of a Michael Poole pass. But from there on it went downhill, as the Wolverines hammered in five unanswered goals.

It was an all out great effort backed by Matthew Ferguson in goal.

The Pirates will be in a tournament representing Aldergrove this weekend at the Chilliwack Twin Rinks. Good luck, guys, and give it your best.

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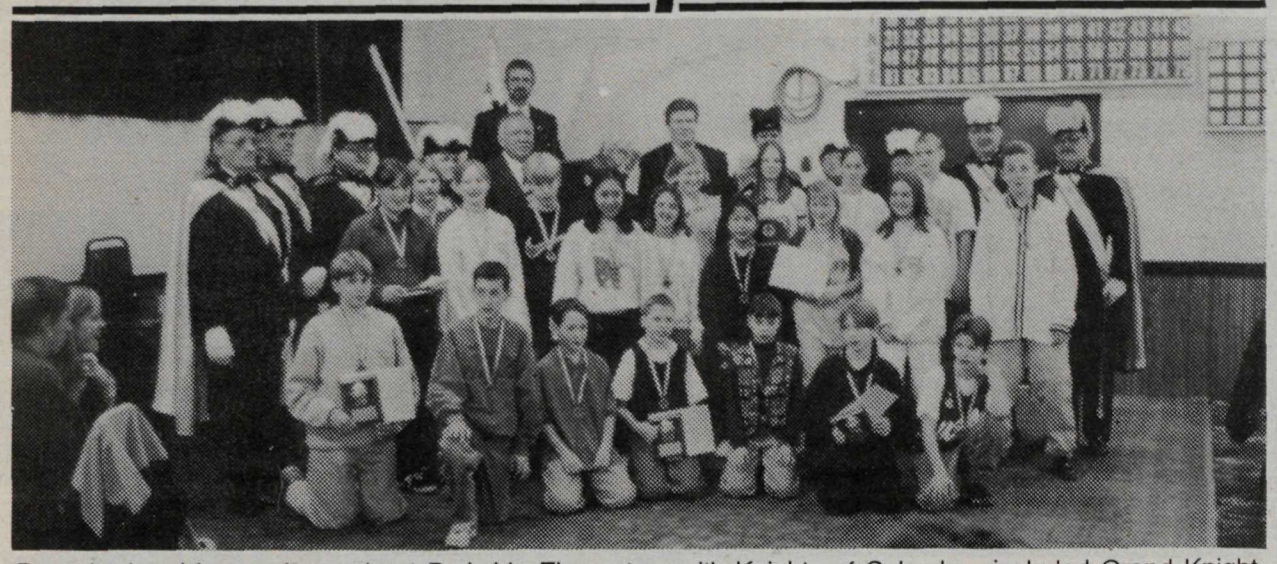

Pancake breakfast and awards at Parkside Elementary with Knights of Columbus included Grand Knight Clarence Joy and special guests senator Gerry St. Germain and MLA Rich Coleman.

Maximum participation brings Knights to schools

ALDERGROVE – Maximum participation was the name of the game in the recent Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-Throw Competition held at Parkside Elementary School on January 25. The competition was open to all students aged 10-14 years. Eight local schools held "in-house" competitions in the 10 categories and sent the top three from each category to the event at Parkside. Over 150 students participated at the one day event. Special thanks go to Mr. Good, Mr. Blackett and Mr. Bell of Parkside Elementary, without their help things would not have been as enjoyable or ran as smooth.

On the following day the knights hosted a free pancake breakfast for the top three winners in each category and their families at the Royal Canadian Legion in Aldergrove. Awards were presented by Senator Gerry St. Germain and MLA Rich Coleman. The winners were also treated to a colorful display by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard as they received their awards. Certainly a memory to be cherished.

Local winners will go on to compete at District, State (BC Yukon) and international competitions. It's not the NBA, but it does bring young people together for fun and friendly competition, as well as helping to build self-esteem through participation and achievement.

Two local schools also received special awards for achieving 100% participation by their students. On Tuesday, February 18 these awards were presented to Coghlan Elementary and Betty Gilbert Elementary by Grand Knight, Clarence Joy and 4th Degree Navigator, Jake Sawatsky during schools' assemblies at the respective schools. The school spirit and dedication of the teachers, principals and support staff was self-evident, as students participated at the school level as well as at the competition.

COMPLIMENTS FROM ALL

The competition was so successful that teachers, parents and principals are lining up to volunteer. Comments like "job well done", "...enjoyable for all of us", "...enabled the kids who were successful feel really special." And "What a great opportunity for our kids," were commonplace among the parents teachers and principals present.

Next year the Knights of Columbus hope to have over 20 schools participate at the local competition. With over 1,000 students in this year's event, Grand Knight, Clarence Joy hopes to involve more than 3,000 students next year. "With the growing interest of schools that heard of the event too late to join and the support of the schools from this year, I am sure it is possible. I look forward to next year."

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with more than 15-million members in more than 10,000 local councils worldwide.

Awards were also presented at Betty Gilbert Elementary with principal Charlie Fox and Grand Knight Clarence Joy.

Talks heard by Otter 4-H

By MICHELLE WEBER

LANGLEY – Otter 4-H Beef Club had their second meeting of the year on February 12 at the B.C. A.I. centre. The meeting started at 7:30 pm and lasted till 9:30 pm.

At this meeting our senior speeches were held. In first was Sara Moseanko, with an informative speech about head lice. In a close second was Teresa Wright, with her speech about her trip to Bonanza '96. Accomplishing third was Amanda Wood, with her speech about her summer vacation.

The judge was Mrs. Beck from Langley Bee, Beef and Swine Club. Our other judge was Ken Linde from the Langley Veterinary Clinic. We would like to extend out thanks to them again for their time.

As well we had a short meeting, where we discussed some new topics and came to a quick close. We would like to wish Sara Moseanko good luck at the finals (maybe even the regionals?). Our next club meeting will be held on March 3 at the B.C.A.I., centre. This is when our junior speeches will be held.

Chorus wants you

LANGLEY – Community Chorus, a mixed choir, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the music room of D.W. Poppy Secondary School. New members are welcome. For information call Chris or Arne, 530-6629.

Horses feel casino's threat

SURREY – Horse racing in B.C. will face a dramatic drop in wagering, if a Las Vegas-style casino becomes a reality on the Lower Mainland.

That's the message in a report by the Horse Racing Alliance of B.C., which says the province could lose a major employer, a significant agricultural industry, a major source of tax dollars for all levels of government, and a popular recreational activity drawing 1.2-million fans each year, more than the combined attendance at Canucks and Grizzlies games.

The HRABC report, while acknowledging government efforts to support and enhance the racing industry, says the province's two major tracks, Fraser Downs and Hastings Park, currently are operating at a break-even point.

"The industry is under pressure even without the threat of a major casino," the report says. "The establishment of a major casino could tip the scales and lead to the gradual decline of a significant economic driver and integral agricultural industry.

The 15-page document, prepared in response to recent news that a large scale casino may be developed on the Lower Mainland, is a joint effort by the B.C. standardbred and thoroughbred industries.

And the look ahead is gloomy for horse racing with the HRABC predicting that the two Vancouver-area tracks would be "forced to severely curtail operations" when the casino opened its doors.

"Every study on the effect of casinos on the horse racing industry predicts a decline on wagering at horse racing events in British Columbia," the report says. "A likely scenario is an impact of 20 percent resulting in a $8.2-million negative impact on the horse race industry.

Langley hosts B.C. Masters

LANGLEY – The Curling Club, in conjunction with the Township of Langley, is hosting the BC Masters (Senior Men over 60) Provincial Playdown. The draw times for this event are: Monday, February 24 - 8:30 am, noon and 3:30 pm; Tuesday, February 25 - 9 am and 1 pm; Wednesday, February 26 - 9 am and 1 pm; and Thursday, February 27 - 8:30 am, noon and 3:30 pm (if necessary).

Opening ceremonies will be held at 11 am on Monday, February 24.

Two teams from the Langley Curling Club are participating. Roy Leite's rink first draw is 8:30 am on Monday, while Tom McDonnell's team will be curling their first game at noon on Monday.

The format is a double knock-out draw, with the winner proceeding to the Western Masters in Manitoba on March 16.

Club looks into science

By JENNA CROSS

LANGLEY – On February 8, the Langley 4-H Beef and Swine Club went to Science World for a fun-filled day. Then we went to Brothers restaurant in Gastown.

On Monday, February 17 we had our club speech competition. Our judges were Ken Bocking and Peter Holuboff. In the junior division Jenna Cross placed first, Ben Cross 2nd, and Micah Krieger was 3rd (runner up). In the senior division Mikel Bech placed 1st, Dana Bech 2nd, and Julia Cross 3rd (runner up).

The senior district competition is on Feb. 28. The junior district competition is on Mar. 14. If you would like more information about 4-H and the club, contact Joan Bech at 534-5439.

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Victoria's budget challenged by municipalities

RICHMOND – New figures released by the Union of B.C. Municipalities show that the impact on many local government budgets of the latest cutbacks in municipal grants is far greater than claimed by the provincial government when it made the announcement in November.

UBCM president, Port Alberni mayor Gillian Trumper now says that the original analysis of the cutback impacts issued by the provincial government was inaccurate and misrepresented the facts by, for instance, including $116-million funding for ambulance service as a local government grant.

The provincial government argued at the time of the announcement that the reduction of $113-million in grants to municipalities represented only one-eighth (12%) of $800-million it provides annually to municipalities or just 3% of total municipal revenues.

But the new UBCM analysis shows that this $800-million figure includes more than $500-million that never touches a municipal budget, like $287-million for B.C. Transit.

"The fact is," Trumper said, "the $113-million actually represents about one-third (30%) - not one eighth - of the funds from the province in city and town budgets. And because the cuts differ from place to place, some cities - like Whistler, Vancouver, Kitimat and Quesnel - are losing between 70% and 80% of the provincial government money they normally include in their budgets."

Trumper called this analysis "highly misleading" and designed to give the impression that the cuts are relatively manageable.

Because municipalities' "total revenues" referred to in provincial government news releases include accounting items like transfers from reserves and surpluses carried forward from previous years, she said, they overstate the only regular and controllable income for municipalities, which is funds from property taxes.

"When you compare the size of the $113-million cut to our property tax income, the cuts actually represent a 4.5% average impact, and some cities are being hit with nearly 7% drops," she said, "That's more than double the 3% figure the province quoted."

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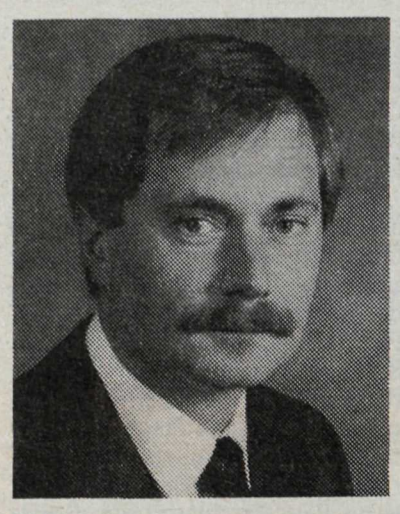

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130 Cards of Thanks

140 Community/Coming Events

Do you like music? Do you play an instrument. White Rock Community Orchestra invites new members to join them. Practise Tues. 9:30-12. For info 599-7397 or 538-1099. 9-1

Seniors Outreach Programs. This is a most rewarding opportunity to really be of help to someone. If you have a few hours a week to volunteer with us, please call 530-3020 and talk to Silvia or Janice. We will have an orientation training session for new volunteers beginning March 3rd at the Langley Seniors Resource Centre. Topics covered include community resources, communication skills, and how to assist elderly and disabled persons. 9-1

Single parents monthly Friday night dinner 7 pm, March 7, held at Grannys Homestead Restaurant, 27125 Fraser Hwy. Everyone welcome. Info.856-9161 or 857-1681. 9-2

Singles drop-in social evening every Thursday, 6 pm-8:30 pm. Coffee, lunch, friendship, we meet at Grannys Restaurant, 27125 Fraser Hwy. 856-9161 or 857-1681. 9-2

Join Burden Bearers of Langley for a Benefit Concert/Dessert Buffet. Enjoy an evening of vocal and instrumental praise on Saturday, March 8, 7 to 9 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, 5950–179 Street in Cloverdale. Tickets are $5 & can be purchased from Burden Bearers Counselling Centre, at 530-5555 or Blessings Bookstore. 8-3

Langley Field Naturalists meet Feb. 21, 7:30 pm at Langley Community Music School, 4899-207 St. Program: Parks Hunting & GrizzlyBears with Dr. Rob Wielgus, UBC biologist and BC's expert on bears. 8-2

Whist Drive Thursday Feb. 27, 7:30 pm, OAP Hall, 273 St., Aldergrove. 8-2

Langley Riders Lariettes Western Musical Ride. New members welcome to try out. Practices every Thurs. at Twin Creeks, 26025-48 Ave., Aldergrove at 7pm sharp. Must have own horse, minimum 14-H, and transportation. For more info, Bonnie 533-8807.8-4

Langley Hospice Society presents Cultural Diversity & Grief: How do we respond? a workshop on the issues of loss & grief within our diverse community, on Saturday, March 15, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Registration is$25 and includes lunch. For more information & to register call 530-1115. 8-4

The South Fraser Regional Crisis Line is looking for people who are willing and able to volunteer a minimum of 4 hour a week. The next training program begins on Monday, April 28, and sessions will be held during evenings only. If you are interested in joining our team, we invite you to pick up an information package at Surrey Community Services, 9815-140 St. Or, if you are in distress and need to speak with someone, call the Crisis Line at 951-8855. 7-4

Betty Gilbert Elementary School is having a spring, Easter, Mother's Day craft sale on March 8, 10-4 pm. If you are interested in renting a table, please call B.Vail 856-3142. You must reserve a table before Feb. 21. 6-6

Aldergrove Minor Baseball is taking 1997 baseball registration. Deadline is March 1 for the 1997 season. Please register now. For more info. phone after 5 pm Anne 856-9065. 6-4

Experienced Softball players needed. For women's fast pitch team. All positions. Season starts March/97. 856-6531 or 856-5997 after 4:30. 4-6

Pacific Children's Heart Network. For parents who have a child with a heart condition. The Fraser Valley group meets on the 4th Thursday each month at 7 pm, Simonds Elementary School, 20190-48 Ave., Langley. For more info call Greg/Sandra at 530-4255 or Deanna 530-0951. 4-tf

Community Health & Education Committee. For health professionals, caregivers, community supporters and support groups. Health care issues presented at 12 noon, Conference Room 1, Langley Memorial Hospital, every first Wednesday of the month. All welcome. For more info,call Truus 857-4637. 4-tf

Lower Mainland Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Society meets the second Tuesday of each month. All, and/or new members, are welcome. Call 530-5263 after 6 pm. 4-tf

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

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

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

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

140 Community/Coming Events

CVCMS Showcase/Talent Search every Sat., 12-4 pm @ Shadowlane Sq., next to General Store (176/No.10) weather permit.; altern. Cloverdale Mall; Bands/Dance Teams/ Clowns/ Facepainting - Come, enjoy the fun! For more info. call Louise 534-3708. 37-tf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

150 Weddings

160 Engagements

170 In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather John Harvey Franklin. Passed away March 21, 1979. God took him home. It was his will, but in our hearts he liveth still. Ever missed by June (daughter) and Alex Praisley, grandchildren and great grandchildren. 9-2

180 Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Aldergrove Toastmasters meets every Monday at 7:15 pm at the Canadian Forces Base Aldergrove. Contact Scott Brenneman at 850-7728 or 856-5884 for details. 2-tf

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

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

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

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

Langley Newcomers Club, a group dedicated to helping ease the transition of a move by bringing newcomers together at meetings, moms & tots, tennis, golf, speaking events, bowling, wine tastings, wine making, gourmet dinners, luncheons, bridge, cribbage, book clubs, movies, mall walking. For more info contact:Marion 882-2610 or Mary 882-0865. 48-tf

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180 Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kinsmen Club of Aldergrove is a service organization for young men ages 21-45. Meetings are held every second Tuesday. For more information call Mike 856-6936. We welcome new members. 24-tf

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

190 Support Groups

Best Babies Of The Langleys provides support, education, and nutrition counselling to pregnant women. For information call Chi at 857-4662. 7-tf

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

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

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

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

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

Emotions Anonymous. Serenity seekers. Monday 7:30 pm. #207-20466 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC, V3A 4G2. 1-tf

HIV/AIDS Support Group, confidential and co-led by people whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS, is meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm at 22259–48 Ave.(near Blair Pool) on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Parking avail. from 48 Ave.Use side door. For more information, leave message at 530-1115. 29-tf

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

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

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

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

Alzheimer Society Support Group meets at Langley Seniors Recreation and Resource Centre, S/B 20471 Douglas Crescent, Langley, every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and every 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Call 533-5277. 43-tf

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit, weight control support group helping Men, Women and Teens to Take Off Pounds and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly. There are several daytime and evening chapters in our area. Please call Barb at 531-3726 or toll free 1-800-932-8677 for further information. 11-tf

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190 Support Groups

Is a relative or friend's drinking affecting you? Try AL-ANON. 856-3648, 857-0647, 688-1716. 12-tf

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 PERSONALS

210 Miscellaneous

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Langley Hospice Foundation has speakers available for service clubs and other groups. Please call 530-1115 or Karen at 534-7921 for more information. 29-tf

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

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

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

Langley Legal Assistance Centre - Your Community Law Office located at #204 - 20651 - 56 Ave., Langley, 530-5811. Phone and enquire about your legal concerns. Free to low income people. 20-tf

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

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. 43-tf

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 info. contact 534-7921. Offices are located at 5339 - 207 St. Langley. 22-tf

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

230 Business Personals

250 Counselling Services

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

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

For marriage counselling call Valley Counselling Services 853-9476 for information or appointment. 43-tf

3 LOST & FOUND

Found: friendly affectionate male tabby cat approx. ten months old w/red leather collar. For ID call 530-1529. 8-4

Lost 10-month-old orange male cat. White paws, chest. Vicinity 272 St. and Country Grove Vet clinic. Just neutered. 856-5547. 8-4

Found: Women prescription eyewear in a green case found in the Aldergrove Community Centre parking lot on Thursday, Jan. 9. Please come by to pick up. 6-4

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4 LEGALS

5 SERVICE DIRECTORY

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560 Office Services

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6 CHILDCARE/DAYCARE

620 Childcare Required

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PARENTS & CAREGIVERS: please be aware if there are more than two children or one sibling group in care, a Community Care Facility Licence is required. Contact your local health unit for more information. 3-tf

I'm in tenth grade, willing to baby-sit in your home or mine, have taken the red Cross Baby-Sitting Course, survival courses & Red Cross swimming. Call Liona, 856-5645, County Line School area, will baby-sit anywhere. 29-tf

7 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

710 Business

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730 Education

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8 EMPLOYMENT

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Yard help. Do you need help in your yard? Cleaning up, weeding, trimming hedges, pruning, etc. Call Yard Help. 857-1481. 8-4

Plumbing, renovations and repairs. Douglas 533-0673 or 645-7828. 7-4

9 TRAVEL/VACATION

10 GARAGE SALES

Moving sale. Contents of man's workshop, misc. outdoor tools, etc. Sat., March 1, 9am-4 pm. No early birds. 29122 Tamaric Ave., Mount Lehman (North Bradner). 13155 9-1

March 1, Farm and yard sale, 8550 Bradner Rd. 11 am-3 pm. 9-1

Sat., March 1, 2941-267B St. 9 am-3 pm. 9-1

Farm garage sale. 255 Massey Ferguson tractor, manure spreader, freezer, fridge, garden supplies, many misc. items. March 1 & 2, 9am-5 pm, 28911 Townshipline Rd., Abbotsford. 856-6443. 8-2

11 AUCTIONS

WANTED
Good used furniture, tools, appliances, etc.
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ALDERGROVE AUCTION
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12 LIVESTOCK

1210 Boarding

Horse board available, excellent location, adjacent Aldergrove Lake equestrian trails. $100/mo. 856-7581. 9-4

1 sheep with a lamb for sale. 856-4277. 8-4

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1230 Feed & Hay

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Hay for sale. 856-2210. 9-2

1st cut local hay $3.50/bale. 530-9086. 9-3

Top quality local hay - 1st cut $5.50. 856-5481. 8-3

Good quality har for sale. 2nd and 3rd cut $4-$5 per bale. 857-9826. 8-4

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Good quality hay, no rain, $3.50 beef, $4.50 horse. 856-2296. 7-4

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1250 Lessons/Training

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1260 Livestock Sale/Lease

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Registered quarterhorse mare. Dark bay. 15.2 HH. Excellent brood mare. Has foaled 2 colored paints, 1 solid foal. Also broke western. Loves to game. Excellent mover. Asking $3,000. Call Tracey 536-1131. 13150 9-2

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2 organically raised beef, on the hoof. 856-4881. 8-4

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1270 Livestock Wanted

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13 PETS & POULTRY

1310 Sale

Registered miniature schnauzer $500. Also retriever/Labrador $500 and shipping. Ready to go. 856-2738. 9-1

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2 hen ducks, good layers, $15 each. 857-5611.8-3

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1320 Pets/Poultry Wanted

1330 Feed/Supplies

1350 Kennels/Pet Services

14 FOR SALE

1405 Antiques/Collectibles

1410 Appliances

White Westinghouse 30" range, almond, looks like new $250 obo. 888-2312. 9-3

Old fridge for sale, in running cond. $30 obo. 856-8286. 9-2

Fridge, stove, washer/dryer, microwave & electrical work. 853-6606. 7-4

Fridge and stove $175. 850-9333. 6-4

30" Hardwick propane stove, good cond. $250 obo. 856-7237 or 856-1783. 6-4

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

1415 Arts & Crafts

Tole painting classes, fun and informative. Beginners to advanced. Come and view our spring projects. 856-2563. 8-4

1420 Books/Coins/Stamps

Set of 7 Science World books $50. 576-0001. 7-3

14 FOR SALE

1425 Building Supplies

1430 Bicycles

1435 Camera/Photography

1440 Clothing

1445 Computer Equipment

Lazer printer two extra tower cartridge $150. IBM XT computer complete with printer $95.856-5430. 9-3

1448 First Aid

1450 Fuel

1455 Furniture

Princess bedroom suite, desk, dresser & mirror, in white $75. Gray lovechair $10. 857-7784. 8-2

6 brown leather look, vinyl dining room chairs,in good cond. $20/ea or $100/6. 856-7441. 7-4

Bunk beds, solid wood $149. 857-4649. 6-4

1460 Garden/Nursery Supplies

2 mature grape vines $10 each. 856-4068. 9-2

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1463 Home Entertainment

1465 Meat/Dairy

Ostrich the low fat healthy red meat, steaks, roasts, and jerky. Gov't inspected. Store on farm. 856-2888. 9-4

1470 Miscellaneous

Comfortable gold velour armchair $20; toaster oven $20; 2 antique oil lamps $50 each. 856-8451. 9-4

Ladies Norco mountain bike, needs TLC $35. Scout shirt, large, with beret and sash $25. White Judo suits $20/ea. 856-8574. 9-4

Large Elmira woodstove - beautiful brass door with glass, perfect for rec-room or cabin $300. 856-9065. 9-4

Portable dish washer. Electric recliner chair in good condition. Small fridge. TV. Wood stand. 534-9388. 9-3

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Hitachi TV, mint cond., asking $150. 1 complete stereo w/6 disc player $250. 856-7107. 8-3

Danby apartment size freezer $100. Electric tabletop BBQ w/rotisserie $25. 856-1905. 9-2

6 drawer steel office desk, good cond. $50. Lightweight adjustable walker $30. Wooden desk $25. 852-3062. 8-2

Exercise bike $30. Car seat $10; Highchair $20. Infant newborn car seat $10. 888-3839. 7-4

Kenmore washer and dryer, heavy duty, almond $250 obo. 856-8245. 7-4

10' Smoker Craft aluminum boat with small electric motor $450 obo. 856-9388. 7-4

Remote control hospital bed and mattress incl.;new 3/1 convoluted mattress; was $3,050, will sell $1,500. 856-5091. 7-4

Aldergrove area wanted - standing alder, maple, birch and solid logs for firewood. Will buy. 856-4432. 7-4

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Canon NP120 copier. For info ph. Arnold 856-7361 or Muriel 856-8908. 7-4

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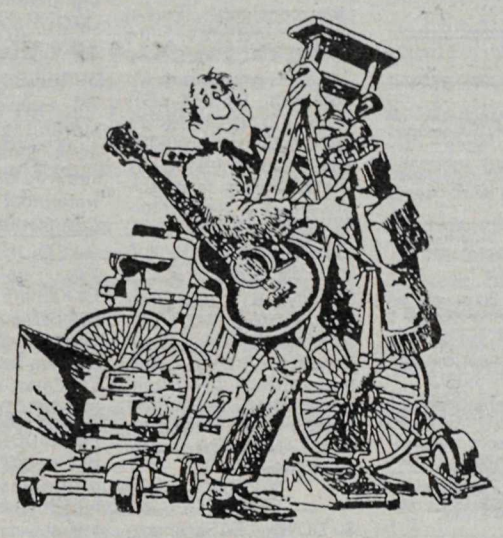

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14 FOR SALE

1470 Miscellaneous

Utility trailer, new paint job and sides w/light hook up 4'x8' $325 obo 850-9333. 6-4

Oak gate-leg table, excel. cond. $165. Mens or boys ski pants size 28-32 $8. Wooden pool cue holder $6. 850-0765. 6-4

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Infant rocker car seat $65. Fisher Price high chair $60. Play pen $60, exc. cond. 856-6566. 6-4

Large airtight single door wood burning stove $200. Fold-up ping pong table $25. Utility trailer made from 3/4 box $250.Electrohome 25" TV $200. 607-7287. 4-tf

Gendron baby buggy and stroller $15. Carry-cot $10. Girls 10-year-old bicycle $50. Sylvia 856-5645. 18-tf

Aldergrove Thrift Shop, 2981-272 Street. 856-5292. Misc.: speakers, Lloyds, $5/ea.; large fan $15 (hot weather coming); medium size doll house $10; 6'x3" foam, clean #5; foam carpet base $2; pictures, all sizes or frames new lot arrived,$5-$20; electric lawn mower Black & Decker 19" w/bagger, almost new $150; hedge trimmer $15; weed eater $7.50; slide projecter & splicer $5; gas welding kit $7.50; fire screen glass doors $10; bicycles, ladies & mens $25-$30; childrens bikes & trikes $10-$30; exercisers $7.50-$20; skates, soccer shoes, helmets etc. $2; large pressure cooker, Presto $15; microwave pressure cooker, new $10; stove hood $8; knitting machines $10-$20; table lamps & shades $8-$15, $2-$3; elec. kettles $3-$8; irons. Baby items: car seat $10; strollers $25; swing $3; back packs $3; bicycle seat carriers $3; training seats $2; booster seats $2; childs foam chair $2. Single box spring $10; special on jigsaw puzzles & games 50¢; books, soft covers 50¢, hard covers 50¢, harlequins 12/$1. 9-1

1475 Musical Instruments

Wanted piano accordion 12 to 120 base in any cond. 853-7773. 9-3

Wanted - youth trumpet in good cond., reas. Jake or Helen 856-1760 after 3:30 pm. 7-3

1480 Produce

1490 Sporting Goods

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1 pair Bauer ice skates and roller blades size 6 $50/ea.pair. 1 pair girls figure skates $30. 1 pair girls roller blades size 7 $40. 856-0722. 8-2

1495 Tools

15 WANTED

1530 Miscellaneous

Wanted: Hide-a-bed. 857-9512. 9-4

Tandem galvanized boat trailer w/brakes for 18' boat. Also young brown egg laying poulets. 856-8430. 8-4

Bicycle trailer for 2 children - good ond. 856-7362. 8-3

Wanted - Viewmaster reels. Romantic English brown dinnerware set or individual items. Sylvia 856-5645. 7-tf

Wanted piano, accordion in any condition. 853-7773. 7-3

Wanted: Baby Talk doll, reas. priced. 856-6346. 6-tf

Old Barbie, Midge, Skipper etc. dolls and clothes for mom/daughter hobby. 604-820-4117. 8-4

1560 Swap

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16 RENTALS

1620 Halls/Banquet Room

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900 sq.ft. mobile home on acreage, 4 appl., woodstove, oil heat, $650/mo., hydro/cable incl. NS, refs. req. 607-7287. 8-4

One bdrm. basement suite rural SE Langley on acreage avail. immed. $550. Room for horse. 856-5822. 8-2

1 bdrm. suite for rent, $500 incl. utilities. 856-9542. 8-4

Country quiet, ground level 1 bdrm. NS, NP, fridge, stove, w/d hookup, hydro., $575/mo.First last dep. Ref. 856-7046. 7-3

3 bdrm. suite Fort Langley. 4 appl. Ref. req. Avail. March 1. $800. 857-2289. 7-4

1 bdrm. suite, private ent., country park setting. Suit clean, neat, single. NS, NP. 856-2646. 8-2

One bdrm. suite Aldergrove, clean, includes F/S, shared laundry, utilities, cable, NS, NP, refs. required. Avail. March 1. 856-0645. 7-3

Langley 2 bdrm. apart. Walk to shopping and park. F/S, D/W, laundry in bldg. $675/mo, avail. March 1. 594-8923. 7-4

1 bedroom suite, utilities incl. $550/mo. 856-4424. 6-4

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1670 Room & Board

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1690 Wanted to Rent

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17 REAL ESTATE

1710 Businesses

1730 Condos/Townhouses

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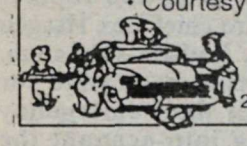

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Jeweller shot in the head as robber enters store

SURREY - Police are investigating the armed robbery of Satnam Jewellers on 120 Street last Tuesday, February 18, during which the owner of the store, Rachhpal Thind, was shot in the head.

Thind said the robbers (up to four) used a stolen B.C. Tel. truck to climb a power pole and cut off phone service to the Scott Road Plaza building.

Two of the men then went into the grocery store to ask to use the phone, and after confirming that telephone service was off, went to Satnam Jewellers, rang the buzzer for entry and asked to use the phone. One man entered the shop, the other stayed outside.

The suspect told Thind his phone did not work, then pulled out a gun and shot him in the head, after which Thind wrestled the man to the ground in an attempt to get the gun away from him.

The suspect yelled at Thind to open the door, but the security system had been disengaged by the security company which decided that, because the alarm and phone lines were cut, there must be something wrong. They also dispatched Delta police and Surrey RCMP to the scene.

The man kicked the door and fired several shots at the door, walls and floor of the store. Thind said that he could have shot his accomplice the way he was randomly shooting.

When the door finally opened, the suspect fled towards Scott Road, where he got into a white vehicle parked in front of the Surrey Animal Hospital. His accomplice got into the B.C. Tel. vehicle and left the scene.

Police have recovered the stolen vehicle, but say the suspects are not known at this time.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to contact Cst. Scott Landon of the Surrey RCMP 599-7656 or Crime Stoppers at 669-TIPS(8477).

Treatment update

VANCOUVER – If you live with epilepsy, or if a family member does, you'll be interested in a special public forum planned for Wednesday, March 12, 7 to 9 pm, at the Robson Square Conference Centre.

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Valley adds to seal total

VANCOUVER – Mid-Fraser Valley residents contributed $35,391 to a provincial grand total of $1,517,049 raised by the 1996 Christmas Seal Campaign, the British Columbia Lung Association announced February 7, just a week after the official close of the annual appeal. This area includes Abbotsford, Aldergrove, Bradner, Clayburn, Huntingdon, Matsqui and Mount Lehman.

"We are grateful for everyone's support in what are difficult economic times for many people," said Myrtle Evertt, Mid-Fraser Valley co-director for the B.C. Lung Association. Last year, area residents donated $31,800 to the 1995 Christmas Seal Campaign.

"This is our largest single fundraiser, and I'm confident the Mid-Fraser Valley did as much as possible to support our important work for respiratory health in British Columbia," said Margaret Gervan, co-director.

The only agency of its kind in the province, the Lung Association receives less than one percent of its operating budget in direct government funding and relies on support from individual donors for most of its support.

The association supports advanced medical research in B.C., conducts public and professional health education and undertakes community programs on air quality and other respiratory health issues.

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Co-op celebrates 75th

ALDERGROVE – This year the Otter Co-op celebrates its 75th anniversary.

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Do you have a particular memory relating to the Otter Co-op or the Farmer's Institute, as it was known before June 22, 1979? Perhaps you know a couple, who met via the Otter Co-op, or perhaps you currently enjoy a friendship that originated at the Otter Co-op. The committee would love to hear your stories. Some of the best will be printed in a series of commemorative Newsletters to be printed this year.

If you have any information regarding Otter Co-op's 75 years of service to the community, phone Kathy or Gail at 856-2517.

Emergency services readying for next disaster

ABBOTSFORD - Paul Latham hopes that travellers who were stranded in the recent snowstorm that hit the valley will help a fledgling group of volunteers purchase the resources needed to combat future emergencies.

The Abbotsford Amateur Radio Emergency Service Committee is sanctioned by Abbotsford City council and follows international protocol for ARES groups. Membership is made up of various amateur radio clubs, seniors' groups and the Provincial Emergency Program.

Latham said they recently "went over our plan, recognized deficiencies. Our goal is to put together grab and go communication kits, which will be accessible to members to help those who are trapped."

ARES is making "a formal appeal for donations. We have an account at Fraser Valley Credit Union, in the name of Abbotsford ARES Committee," said Latham. "Costs are unclear, depending on the deals we get, but we figure a minimum of $5,000 for each kit. We want a laptop computer and programs, ham radio, power supply and antenna in each case, and would like a video camera and VCR, if possible, so that we can send photo images over the air directly to city hall."

The overall fundraising goal is $50,000, and kits would be located strategically in emergency operation centres, works yard, hospital, emergency social service evacuation centres and the mobile command post.

Latham is the appointed municipal amateur radio coordinator in the city, and reports directly to fire chief Lex Haagen and council. Latham said coun. Jack Robertson has called for redrafting of their emergency plan, taking into account the lessons learned in the snowstorm of Dec. 28-30. Latham can be reached at 852-8930.

Training central to new job program

By KURT LANGMANN

ALDERGROVE - A provincial initiative to help people get off welfare by helping employers pay for training programs has been a great success, said Art Goertzen, and he wants to hear from more employers who need trained staff.

Goertzen, a Bradner resident, and Fred Kaarsmaker are both involved with the Mennonite Central Committee, which has subcontracted their services under the Aspect company and the province's Training Works program. MCC has a long history of positive social work among the general public -- for example, the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program was started a couple decades ago as a pilot program by the MCC in Langley, B.C. and Waterloo, Ontario, and was so successful that it's now a national program operated under the provincial attorney-general ministries.

"We've been involved with Training Works since September, and MCC ran a pilot phase of the program which was a phenomenal success. The goal was 75 placements, and our six-month contract was extended to twelve months, because we've placed 277 people so far," said Kaarsmaker. He said the Aspect company has negotiated a province-wide contract for 1,000 job placements, including the 510 for the Surrey-Hope region which MCC has sub-contracted.

"We don't do the training, but rather act as brokers for it," said Goertzen. A local example is the hiring and training of employees for the new Mohawk station-store being built at Bradner Road and Fraser Highway. "Two clients have been hired and are training at the Aldergrove Mohawk station, and another eight to ten cashiers, gas jockeys, bookkeeper will be placed, too. We're trying to place people locally, because there's so little public transportation available here."

Goertzen said the province provides up to $4,000 in training funds, once a client is hired, and it applies to both existing and new employees. "The minimum standard is 30 hours work a week at $8 an hour. We sit down and do a training plan around the job, whatever might apply such as first aid, and these training expenses are reimbursed by the province."

He said his contacts are made through ads, word of mouth, cold-calling, and "social services will refer clients who have to be job-focused, want to work -- we're ready to help them find work. They must have been a minimum of four to seven months on social assistance.

"Clients are hired first, then they access the money for training. We call it 'just in time' to make them productive for an employer," said Goertzen.

Art Goertzen

Anne-Marie Kipp said she's a single mom with four children, who had art and design training, but found job prospects difficult. Walking past the Recovery Shop, a reupholstery business, she wanted to be involved in what she termed a "profitable art medium," so she approached owner Ray Brule about hiring her through Training Works. Flexibility is one of the program's strengths, said Kipp.

"Training Works accommodated my situation. The education I received gave me confidence to carry on, "said Kipp. "Now I have current skills, (and) retraining enabled me to make a living with enough energy left to do proper parenting."

Brule is also enthusiastic, as Training Works allowed him to hire someone without much experience, and give her hands-on training in the shop, while she picked up computer and math skills. "It's worked out well. Kipp has been an asset."

While the province has committed $400,000 to reimburse businesses for the training, they also estimate they'll save $1.6-million in welfare costs.

Goertzen said their contract with Aspect also allows them to be partners with Stenberg & Associates, rather than competitors with another subcontractor in the valley. "We share with them in the valley for a pool of resources."

Goertzen is usually in shared office space at Aldergrove Education Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, he's available anytime at 807-3773 for those who wish to make an appointment or enquiry.

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