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Proving that laughter is an international language, Mr. Keneiri donned this ridiculous hat before presenting a gift of a Japanese doll to Dan Eldridge at the closing ceremonies of the International Friendship Peewee Hockey Tournament in Aldergrove last week. Mr. Keneiri of Hachinohe founded the tourney in 1989, and as a patron, had stunned everyone by bidding $250 for the felt hat offered at a fundraising auction by the Dunedin Southern Knights team of New Zealand. See page 14. -Kurt Langmann photo

Victims get lip service

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

ABBOTSFORD - After more than a year of hard work, Fraser Valley West Reform MP Randy White is finally having his Victims' Bill of Rights debated in the House of Commons.

Unfortunately, not enough notification was given to enable all the speakers necessary to make the trip to Ottawa by April 8. Also, there are only two hours scheduled for debate.

White said that a week's notice is 'truly insufficient to have the victims of crime drop everything and fly to Ottawa.'

He called it 'lip service on behalf of a government that just realized the need for victims' rights 30 days before an election call.'

"The hearing is so the Liberal government can go to the public during the election campaign and say 'we are working on it,' and that is not enough," White said. "I will be in attendance on April 8, and we will do the best we can to ensure that this bill becomes law as soon as possible".

The list of speakers White had assembled is impressive, but not all will be participating in the debate. The list includes: Chuck Cadman, Heather Fougere, Edie Woodland, Dawn Bakeburg, Debbie Mahaffy, Sharon Rosenfeldt, Corine Schafer, Keith Kemp, Rosemary Eaton, Darleen Boyd, Steve Sullivan, Priscilla de Villiers, Marie King, Theresa McCuaig, Dawn Mykietyn, and Darryl Plecas. Many of these people spoke at last year's Rally in the Valley, and all can provide excellent insight into the National Victims' Bill of Rights, if given the opportunity.

The bill is an eight part document designed to keep victims informed of their rights before, during and after the legal process.

New mushroom bylaw start of 9-stage process

LANGLEY - Township council has adopted a bylaw "to prohibit mushroom farms which do not comply with normal farming practices," and launched "a program to amend the official community plan and zoning bylaws with respect to regulation of mushroom farming and housing in the rural areas." Contrary votes were cast by couns. Muriel Arnason and Mel Kositsky.

Community development officer Terry Lyster told council that the bylaw would require existing operations to conform to the provincial acts, "to regulate those in the agricultural land reserve in accordance with the Right to Farm act," which the province has yet to proclaim. Lyster said the bylaw, based on legal advice, is the "only bylaw that would have any effect."

Arnason said she lamented the "foolishness of allowing development to be built so close to the ALR... a nice little buffer is not good enough." Kositsky worried council was "treading on dangerous ground... this spells the deathknell of all types of farming," and said council should seek input from farming spokespersons.

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Tax hike held to 3.5%

ABBOTSFORD - This week city council will be approving decisions stemming from the February 22 budget working session. The third year of the five-year tax rate phase-in will proceed as originally planned, but the general municipal tax rate increase will be reduced from 4% to 3.5%, to balance the 1997 budget.

In the Parks and Recreation department $40,000 is included for improvements to the city-owned Ledgeview Golf course, but the Equipment Replacement Reserve fund will not be used to finance equipment purchases.

An estimated half of the $15,000 annual cost for watering the hanging baskets in the Downtown Business Area will be budgeted for, and staff will be meeting with Downtown Business Association members to discuss the balance of funding. Councillor Mark Warawa, who owns property in the area, will be appointed as council's representative to the association.

It was agreed that user fees charged to consumers of municipal services, will be preferred over general taxes as the method of funding services. Specifically, development application fees and recreation fees will be reviewed by council in order to reduce the general 'municipal assist' factor.

Grants-in-aid will total $138,000 as approved by council on March 24. Organizations that applied for and received a grants-in-aid for this year, will be advised that future grants will be eliminated or reduced as a result of federal/provincial downloading and a reallocation of funding priorities.

A transfer of over $187,000 to the reserve fund will provide for the replacement of computer and office equipment, major building repairs and renovations, and liability insurance.

The balance of discretionary funding will be reduced to $47,500 as a contingency amount for council to allocate for expenditures not provided for in the budget.

Schools short by $2.7m

By MONIQUE GALAZKA

LANGLEY - The school board has delayed the budget debate until a special meeting planned for Tuesday, April 15, after they have met with all partner groups involved.

Board chair Cos Van Wermeskerken said the board will be meeting with parents, teachers, administrators and union members this week to determine how much money will be cut from centralized services versus schools themselves. He said there is an expected shortfall of $2.7 million in the budget ,which has to be balanced.

In his chairman's report, Van Wermeskerken stated that Langley will have $88 per student less than last year.

"The question this board is facing is not whether to make cuts, but where, and in doing so, how least to affect the education of our children.

"We need to meet with our partner groups very quickly, so we can go ahead and make a final decision," he continued. "The provincial government was two months late giving us their budget figures, the schools are waiting to do their budgets, and we will be delivering our final budget in two weeks."

Langley has a decentralized system in which each school prepares their own budget which they submit to the board, and the board allocates the funds.

Government by fiat: a grim-faced former Langley Memorial Hospital Society president, Ed Vanderboom and former LMH CEO Pat Zanon told reporters, April 3, that Donald Juzwishin of Victoria had been appointed public administrator of the 49 year old institution, and will oversee its amalgamation with the South Fraser Health Board. Vanderboom praised the successes of the hospital and its former board, and "urged all residents to continue to support good health care." -Kurt Langmann photo

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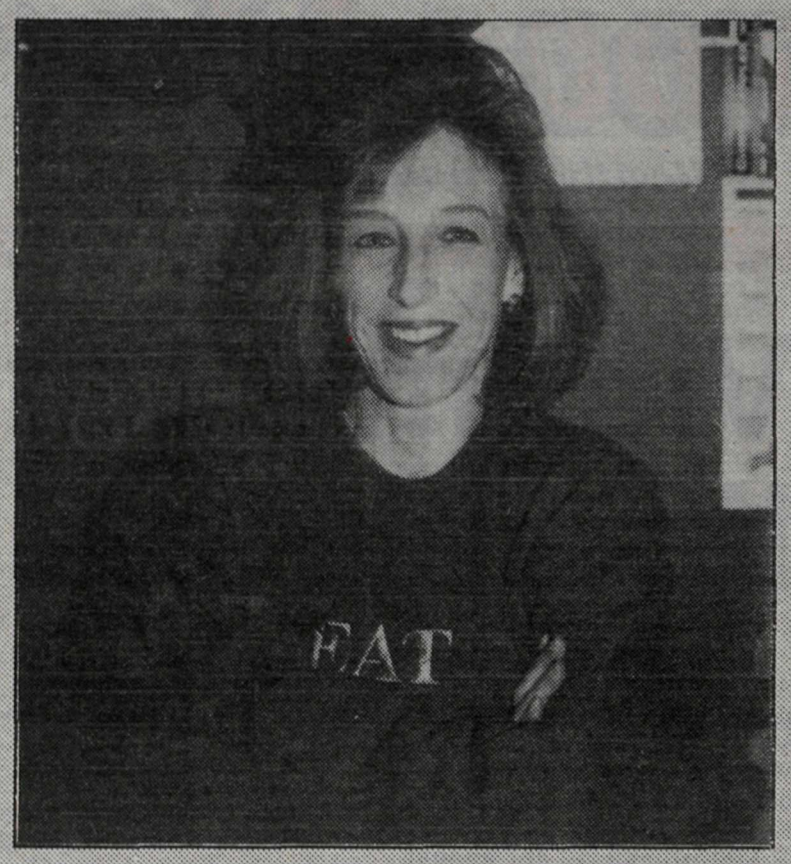

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Birthplace:	Vancouver
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Favorite movie:	Forrest Gump
Favorite TV show:	Biography
Favorite food:	Chinese

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.

UCFV trims to balance budget

ABBOTSFORD - The UCFV board approved a balanced operating budget of almost $32-million at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 2. This included a number of adjustments to an earlier proposal to deal with an anticipated shortfall of approximately $1.2-million for the coming year.

The earlier proposal called for cuts in a number of areas and identified the need to increase revenues from several sources. In approving the new budget, the UCFV board expressed serious concerns about its impact on the areas affected and reinforced the need to look for new options that might help to compensate for the reduction in programs and services.

Although much of the earlier proposal remains unchanged, adjustments were made on the basis of the consultation process that took place over the past few weeks, and the availability of some new funds. During the process the UCFV board heard expressions of concern that reflected several general themes, including the disproportionate impact on lower-level access programs, the impact of closing the Hope centre on that community, the additional burden on departments competing for non-base funding, and the impact of proposed fee increases on part-time vocational students.

At the same time, discussions with the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training have resulted in some one-time funding of $153,000 that can be used to reduce some of the budget shortfall this year. In addition, UCFV has been able to allocate $130,000 from interest revenue and $90,000 from one-time surplus funds from International Education revenue. Together these will be used on one-time basis to mitigate some of the cuts and provide some time for other options to be studies.

"It would be foolish to use this one-time money to balance the budget," said UCFV president Peter Jones. "That would only give us a potentially much greater problem this time next year. However, this money has helped us by providing a cushion for areas suffering cutbacks, and even more by helping such areas move towards a more sustainable long-term funding base.

"During the consultation process we heard a number of concerns raised by students, departments, and the communities that would be most directly affected," said Jones. "We were not able to address all of their concerns, but I believe that we have been able to minimize the impact of the most serious cuts.

At the same time we've provided some additional time to work with community groups and departments to try to find alternatives in the form of partnerships or new ways of offering programs that might make them more viable in the future."

As a result of the concerns raised during the consultation process and the newly available revenue, a revised proposal for a balanced budget was presented to the board. It included a number of adjustments.

Vehicle recovery yields big booty

ABBOTSFORD - Police responded to a call of an auto theft in progress on Sumas Mountain Road on Monday, April 7, and located the stolen vehicle a short distance away on Farina Road.

Police service dog Titan was deployed and tracked southbound onto McKee Road to another stolen vehicle, which contained property from several residential break and enter robberies.

The track continued towards McKee Golf Course, where an alarm had been recently reported. The track ended about 6.4 km from its origin with the arrest of one suspect.

The accused has been charged with two counts of theft over $5,000, break and enter, possession of stolen property and obstructing a police officer.

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Stolen vehicle crash kills driver

SURREY - Police have three men in custody, including one in hospital under provincial guard, after the stolen car they were in ran the red light at 88 Avenue and 144 Street and hit another vehicle. The other driver, 31 year-old Vida Cecille Coronado, died as a result of the accident, which happened at about 1 a.m., Saturday, April 5.

Originally police spotted the black Firebird, stolen an hour before the crash, speeding and driving erratically in the area of 88 Avenue and King George Highway. An officer gave chase, but lost sight of the vehicle in the Fleetwood area.

About five minutes later, another patrol unit spotted the vehicle speeding north on 144 Street with no lights on. The officer radioed to another unit that the vehicle was approaching from behind.

The officer activated emergency equipment and was slowing to a stop, when the Firebird passed and accelerated into the intersection.

The driver, 20 year-old Shaymus Terry Moore, who is known to police, has been charged with criminal negligence causing death, theft over $5,000 and possession of stolen property over $5,000.

Victor Didushenko, 18, has been charged with theft over $5,000, possession of stolen property over $5,000 and breach of probation. Nineteen year-old Thomas Smith, who remains in Surrey memorial Hospital, has been charged with possession of stolen property over $5,000.

All three are scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, April 15.

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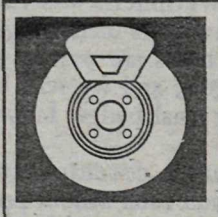

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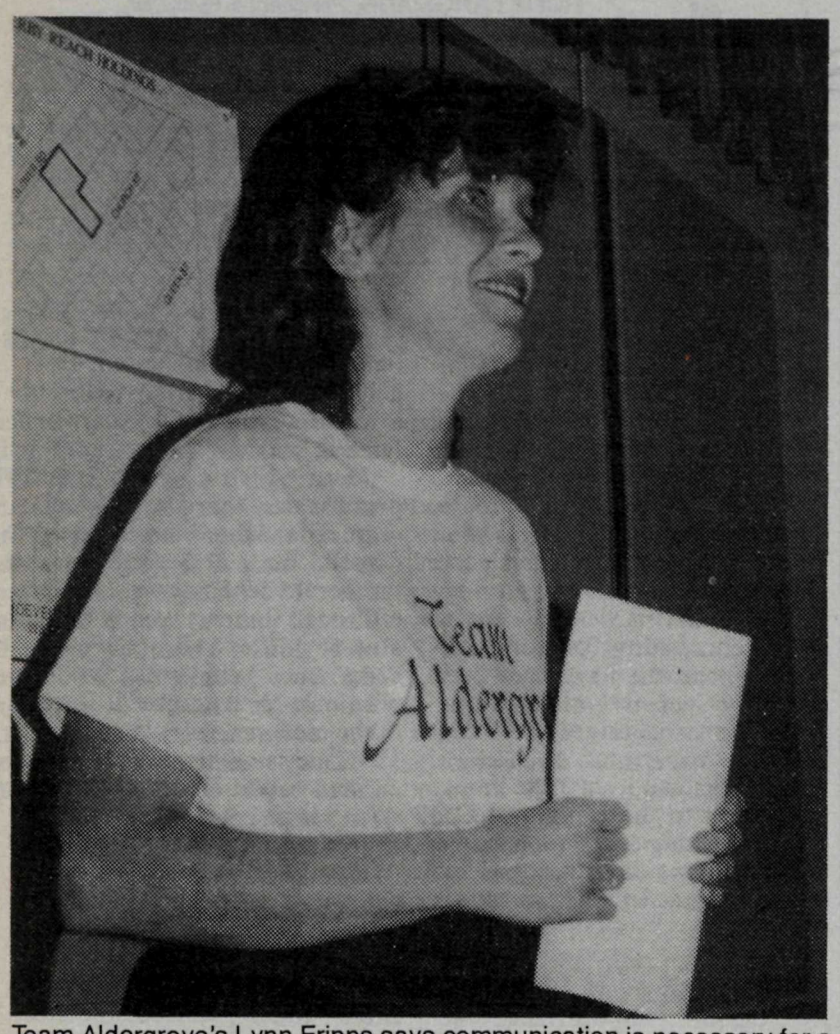

Team Aldergrove's Lynn Fripps says communication is necessary for a solid plan and community support. -Kurt Langmann photo

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

'Catalyst for change' applauded

ALDERGROVE - Team Aldergrove says this town is working together for a bright future. A delegation of residents, wearing T-shirts emblazoned with "Team Aldergrove" told Township council on Monday that they were trying to be pro-active and constructive, by listening to the public and working out issues cooperatively.

Langley Chamber of Commerce president, Bob Long is an Aldergrove resident, and he said he took to heart the chamber's "commitment to serve" Aldergrove since the merger of the Aldergrove and Langley chambers two years ago. He said the chamber was "pleased" to endorse the Aldergrove Community Enhancement committee, which he said gave them insight to local issues as well as grassroots support.

ACE chair Lynn Fripps thanked councilors for providing funding that will upgrade local sewer and water service, and the main street infrastructure that she called "uptown Aldergrove improvements... (but) as important as the funds are, the attitude and commitment expressed by council and staff is the real catalyst for change, and for this we thank you."

Fripps said that in this spirit, ACE has consulted with property owners and businesses to help "the community grow and prosper by negotiation and consensus building. However, we consider our greatest achievement, to date, to be the emergence within the community of a commitment to a cooperative working together of all stakeholders in our community."

Calling "the next phase in the development of Aldergrove the most dynamic in over 30 years," Fripps asked for "total community involvement at all stages" of the forthcoming design of the work to the town core, to ensure that the process would not be dictated from above.

Fripps also met with Township community development officer, Terry Lyster last week, and he said they will select a consultant for the work this month. Lyster also agreed to suggest to the candidates that they contact ACE for input on local issues.

Lyster, who contributed to Surrey's redevelopment of Cloverdale over a ten year period, told The Star that while he was pleased with the streetscape work done there, it is his belief that it's often the little things that create goodwill for business. "My best idea was one Christmas when I baked 2,000 cookies and gave them out with hot chocolate to main street shoppers."

Lyster said Aldergrove had a number of strong points in its favor, and the $3-million project in Township's provisional budget would attempt to improve the streets and sidewalk areas, but it would be up to property owners to correct their own problems. It would be up to council to decide whether there should be government incentives, such as an amnesty on municipal levies to encourage redevelopment as some have suggested.

In a related matter, coun. Mel Kositsky said council should consider an update to Aldergrove's official community plan during council's planning sessions next month.

No objections to retail rezoning

ALDERGROVE - A zoning amendment for a new commercial building on Fraser Highway, across from Safeway, passed through public hearing without comment, Monday. The amendment from service commercial zone C-3 to C-2, and a development permit hearing, moves to Township council final reading later this month.

This will accommodate a single storey development of 6,858 square feet, on just over half an acre at the northwest corner of 276 Street and the highway, by ICR Projects Inc. of Burnaby. The retail shops would front the highway, and 32 parking spaces are at the north side. Landscaping, trees and connections to the 276 Street sidewalk are provided for in the project.

Township spokesman Paul Crawford said design proposals were attractive and met local policies and guidelines. A beige stucco finish, with brick veneer and green trim and awnings, and a raised parapet and cornices are planned.

96 Avenue needs improvement

WALNUT GROVE - Coun. Muriel Arnason says it's time for the Township to upgrade 96 Avenue to "full urban standards" between 201 and 208 Street. She told council that residents' complaints about the road, along with ongoing development along the area, should be rectified by including it in this year's budget.

On a motion from coun. Karen Kersey, this will be considered by the finance committee, chaired by Arnason.

Engineer Murray Dinwoodie told council that development cost charges collected in the area include plans for 96 Avenue improvements from 201 to 216 Streets, and could be "phased in as warranted." Some of this work is also planned for next year's budget.

Landfill fight

GLEN VALLEY - Two residents here have written council to voice concern about an application for a fill and reclamation plan submitted by neighbouring property owners.

Carole Tremblay and E. Bachman have requested a meeting with council, regarding the application made by William Nesteruk and Don Litchfield, in the 25300-block of 88 Avenue.

Council received the letter without comment, after administrator Mark Bakken pointed out that the Township is still involved in litigation with some of these residents: "Exercise caution on this matter."

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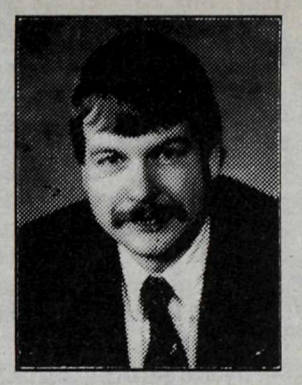

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Truths, not selective "facts" are needed

Editor, The Star, Sir,

It is truly sad how some of our elected politicians will use innuendo, half-truths and lies to advance their political positions. I speak specifically of the guest column of Allan Rock that appeared in many local papers recently. It is disturbing that the justice minister suggests that, because Reform voted against several inadequate bills, they are somehow "hollow" in their support of victims rights. What some Liberals will not say and do to get elected must be a very short list indeed.

Allow me to shed some light on the selective "facts" that Rock reported in his column:

1) When John Nunziata's bill (which would have abolished the faint hope clause) passed second reading in December 1994, the Liberal cabinet (who actively opposed the bill) stalled it in committee. Furthermore, they failed to introduce their own legislation, inadequate as it was, until June of 1996 just before the summer break. It was given low priority. And as such, it required all party consent to pass. The Bloc opposed it, and the bill died. In other words, the bill failed to pass, due to victims rights not being a high enough priority for the Liberal cabinet.

2) In his column, Rock also claims that Reform voted against measures that allowed greater participation of victims of early parole applicants. Reform MP Jack Ramsay notes that families need not have to be subject to this or live in fear of early release, if 745 were abolished instead of tinkered with.

3) Regarding bill C-41, Mr. Rock fails to note that C-41 grants alternative measures to violent offenders and actually encourages the courts to use conditional sentencing, and will allow some convicted violent offenders to walk the street, while their victims don't know if it is safe to leave their homes.

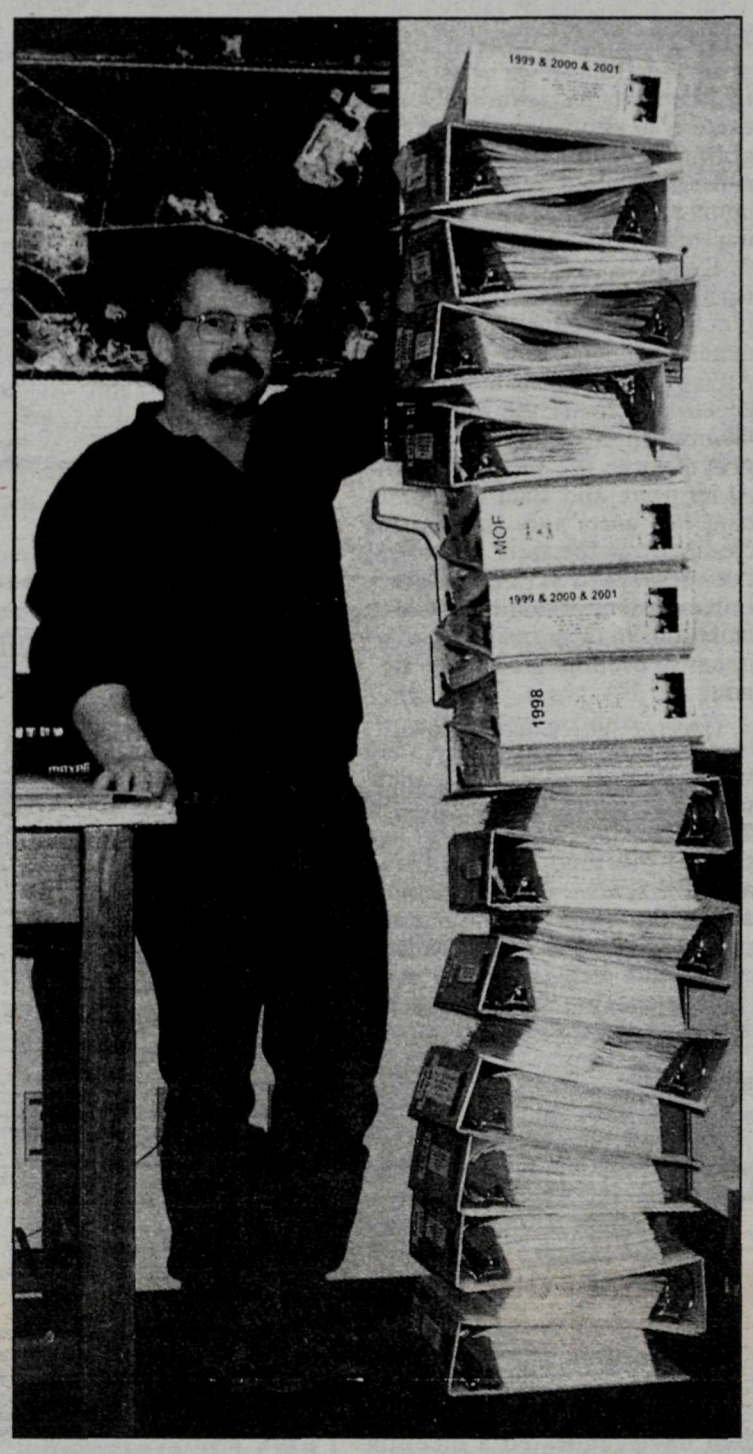
4) Rock omits the fact that Gary Rosenfeld (the father of one of Olson's victims) publicly expressed how appalled he was with Rock, accusing him of playing politics with his son's life. When Rock said Reform was exploiting the victims, Rosenfeld declared that the "exact opposite is true".

5) Rock also omits the fact that Bill C-45 took away the guaranteed rights of victims to present a victim impact statement until 2012.

Unlike the Liberals, Reform did not discover victims rights on the eve of a federal election. For, as Jana Rosenfeld (sister of an Olson victim) notes, "(Allan Rock) basically spat on the graves of the victims". And Allan Rock claims to have "profound empathy" for the victims' families - now that has a hollow ring to it.

But voters know better. At election time, federal Liberals will find out that when they spit on these graves, they do it alone.

KEITH RICHMOND,
Aldergrove



Dwarfed by regulation

Port McNeill area engineer Greg Westwood shows how much documentation it now takes to get logging approvals in B.C. Engineers and foresters hauled all 25 binders of the Forest Development Plan – weighing 180 pounds and containing 19,000 pages – to the B.C. Ministry of Forests. "We wanted to show the full magnitude of the requirements of the Forest Practices Code,*" says Joe McDonald, another area engineer. The five-year plan cost $250,000 (Cdn) in wages, supplies and contractors' fees and took 20 people two months to complete.*

Blood donors appreciated

Editor, The Star, Sir,

On behalf of British Columbia patients, who depend on life-saving blood and blood products, the Red Cross thanks blood donors who responded to our recent urgent appeal for blood.

Due to heavy demand from hospitals, and lower collections, the Red Cross found itself facing the inability to meet the demands of area hospitals.

Thanks to the phenomenal response from blood donors, our blood bank is now up to normal levels. In the first two weeks of March, blood donors donated 4,770 units of blood. Thousands of patients in British Columbia have benefited from your gift of life.

Recent blood donors may have noticed a series of new steps and procedures in the blood donation process. While these changes may increase the time it takes to give blood, the Red Cross thanks you for your patience and understanding. The changes are needed to further protect the safety of the blood supply and the health of blood donors, and in no way diminish the need for blood.

The need for blood is ongoing, and supplies constantly need to be replenished. The continued support of blood donors is needed. The Red Cross holds regular blood donor clinics throughout the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. For clinic times and location, please call 879-6001.

HARRY PARSLOW,
Vancouver

Thanks!

Editor, The Star, Sir,

The Royal Canadian Legion, Aldergrove branch #265 would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude and thanks for your generous donations to our recent Provincial Cribbage Tournament.

We would like you to know that it was a huge success; and this could not be accomplished without the support of business like yourselves in our community.

FLORENCE McLENNAN,
Aldergrove

Respect posted speeds

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I am writing this in concern with the speeding along 32 Ave across from Parkside Elementary School and playground. On Good Friday I noticed that a lot of drivers totally ignored the posted speed limit signs. They must have felt that since it was a holiday that the signs had no meaning. They still represent a playground during holidays and after school hours.

This is an ongoing problem along this stretch of road. My neighbors and I have put in many requests to the Langley RCMP about getting some radar set up, and at times those requests have been attended to. These requests should not have to be made.

Why can't these drivers understand that there are kids playing in the park until dusk? At least 75% of the cars that pass this area are doing at least somewhat of the speed limit. But what about the other 25%? I have seen cars zip through there at speeds in excess of 50 MPH. These are probably the same people that would get upset with you, if you were driving down their street a little fast.

Does some person have to be killed before people get the hint? Let's hope not.

J. & S. YEO,
Aldergrove
(via e-mail)

Freedom's loss lamented

Editor, The Star, Sir,

I am angry! Indeed, I am like many Canadians who are outraged that our government condones, and seemingly supports, the sale and distribution of a proven addictive and deadly substance like tobacco to the public; allows the addition of potentially dangerous colors and dyes in our foods and also approves the genetic altering of food products; fosters and facilitates the sale and distribution of alcohol; permits the irradiation of foods killing many essential and necessary natural substances and altering others; and now proposes to add the restrictions of the Codex Alimentarius, thereby stetting up what amounts a police state on nutrition!

Whatever happened to freedom of choice? Why are Canadians going to be restricted in the purchasing and use of the natural products which they consider are necessary to their health?

Is it because our government wants to double the incomes of the medical practitioners? It is because it wants to enhance the power, control, and incomes of the pharmaceutical groups? Why are the pharmaceutical companies buying out the health product companies in anticipation of the approval of Codex? Also, why does the government allow such toxic substances, such as tobacco, etc., and then begin to restrict relatively helpful, natural things such as vitamin C?

As I said I am angry that my freedom of choice is in peril. I am incensed that in a democracy the government elected to protect my liberties is planning to enact legislation, which will restrict my rights on mostly erroneous conjecture that these natural products might cause harm if overused. Tell me how many have been injured or harmed by the use of any of the proposed substances on the Codex list.

Now turn and count the millions, even billions, who have been harmed by the use of tobacco, alcohol and other approved substances which have been allowed primarily for being the "cash cows" that they are. Also count the untold billions of dollars it has cost, and is costing, for the medical treatment of problems brought on by these substances.

I challenge the government, or any party, to put this matter to a vote. Let the public hear the truth from both sides and let the people decide what needs doing. No government, or party, will survive if such serious and binding legislation is first proposed and then enforced bureaucratically.

LEA ARCHER,
Surrey

Successes in working together

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Thank you for helping make the 31st annual Variety Club Show of Hearts Telethon a great success! To show our appreciation we have enclosed a personalized 1997 accolade, a memento that we hope you will display proudly at your office.

This year's Telethon raised $4,748,769 to support projects for children with special needs throughout B.C. and we couldn't have done it without organizations and people like you.

Your enthusiasm and support is an integral part of our success, and we would be interested in knowing if you or your newspaper are interested in developing a year round fund raising project that could be featured on Telethon. We could provide you with information or assist you in developing new ideas on how to involve your community in fund raising for the B.C.'s children in need.

Please feel free to contact me if we can be of any assistance, and once again, thank you!

SHIRLEY STOCKER,
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. We ask that letters be free of libel and bear the name and address of the author. Submissions must include a written signature. We prefer letters to be typed and double spaced, and present the comment as clearly and briefly as possible. The editor reserves the right to condense or reject letters containing libel or of poor taste.

A SECOND LEASE ON LIFE

Living with kidney disease hasn't deflated lively teenager's spirit

ALDERGROVE - Keri-Lee Griffiths' eyes light up, and a grin spreads across her face, as she reveals her favourite movie star is Tom Cruise.

It's a teenager's typical reaction. But what makes this 16 year old untypical is the fact, she's living with her second kidney transplant.

Keri, a resident of Aldergrove, has been chosen as the 1997 campaign ambassador for the Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. branch.

Living with kidney disease hasn't deflated this lively teen's spirit. She has an ever-ready smile and a sparkling sense of humour. Her hobbies include acting, writing, soccer, and baseball.

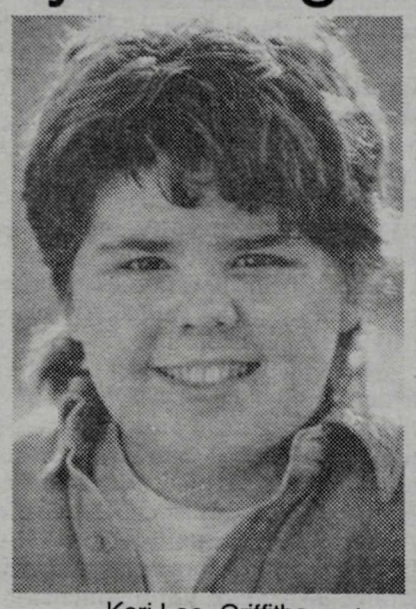
Keri was born in Cape Town, South Africa in April 1980. Her father, Colin, worked as a minister, while her mother, Meri, was a nurse. Keri also has an older brother, Gareth, now 18.

After the family immigrated to Canada in 1985, Keri had to undergo surgery to correct shrinking of her bladder. A move to Williams Lake in 1987 meant trips to Children's Hospital in Vancouver for routine examinations by a nephrologist (doctor who specializes in kidney diseases) and a urologist. The family eventually moved to Aldergrove to be closer to Vancouver.

When Keri was 12, blood work showed her renal (kidney) function was worsening. The body's two kidneys are located on either side of the spine under the lower ribs. Reddish brown in colour, and about the size of a clenched fist, the kidneys' main function is to remove wastes from the blood. Kidneys also regulate water in the body and produce hormones. When kidneys function at less than 10 percent of their normal rate, they can no longer clean the body's blood wastes adequately.

Nephrologist Dr. James Carter informed the family Keri would need dialysis and eventually a kidney transplant. Dialysis is a treatment for kidney disease, in which wastes and water from the blood are filtered out through artificial means. A transplant means the surgical introduction of a new kidney into the body.

A kidney can come either from a living donor (a healthy person can easily survive on one kidney), or from a person who has passed away suddenly. In this case, two people can be helped by donating the body's kidneys.



Keri-Lee Griffiths

Doctors decided to start Keri on peritoneal dialysis, in which the blood is cleaned overnight while still inside the body rather than in a dialyzer.

After a battery of tests, Keri was placed on the organ transplant waiting list. The wait could be anywhere from a few months to years.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. branch, offered support to the Griffiths family, like it does for anyone facing kidney disease. The foundation provided a "Living With Kidney Disease" manual, literature, resource data and seminar and workshop information. Meri became an avid supporter of the foundation's annual March drive for research, patient services and organ donation programs.

In the summer of 1994, Dr. Carter called. A kidney had become available. Keri was taken to Children's Hospital, where the transplant was performed.

Keri clearly remembers what she was thinking at the time. "It was a mixture of feeling sad, because someone died, and then you're happy and you're scared."

But the joy was short lived. Two months later, Keri's body began to reject the transplant. In spite of drugs used to try prevent rejection, it was to no avail.

Because Keri had had so much surgery to her abdomen, she was switched from peritoneal dialysis to hemodialysis. This meant her blood had to be cleansed outside of her body, filtered through a machine called a dialyzer. She had to go to Children's Hospital three times a week for three hours at a time for dialysis. In July 1996, she was switched back to peritoneal dialysis, because she was having seizures.

It was the fall of 1996, when Dr. Carter called again with news there was another kidney available. The donor's family had agreed to donate the organs. Two people would receive a kidney transplant.

Keri was a compatible match for a kidney - and a grateful recipient. Her mother Meri stressed, "The donor families should know they're never forgotten." And Keri added, "You're always thinking of them, thanking them for making a hard decision."

It's been more than six months since the second transplant. Ask Keri how she feels, and she quickly responds, "I feel great!"

Keri's immediate plans include finishing high school at Aldergrove Secondary School. She hopes to become a professional actress.

But she knows that no matter what, life will always be untypical. "I know that I can reject (my kidney) any time. I try not to think about it and just go ahead and do whatever I want - almost," she laughs.

Mach local prize winner

LANGLEY - On Tuesday, April 1, at a special awards night meeting, the Soroptimists presented cash awards to three local women.

For the training awards program, established to aid mature women in upgrading her employment status by obtaining further skills and training, the winner was Candida Gorse-Scheifele. This single mother of two young children is working hard to obtain her goal of a career in medicine.

Runner up for this award was Jennifer Zsiak. Until recently she was a resident of Langley. She now lives in Burnaby with her two young children, where she is pursuing a career in design. She hopes to soon open a business designing and producing custom carpets and rugs.

The second award category was the Youth Citizen Award, and the winner was Petra Mach, a student at Aldergrove Secondary School. The $500 award recognizes outstanding contributions made by young people to their homes, schools, communities, countries and the world. Mach has an outstanding service record. She has been very active in a drug and alcohol prevention program at her school, where she was also president of the student council. She has over 150 hours of service to Langley Memorial Hospital in their candy striper/cadet program. She hopes to have a career in teaching and is applying to universities with this goal in mind.

The winners of these two awards will now progress to the Soroptimist western region competition. The results of these competitions will be announced at the western region conference in Edmonton May 1-4.

Child safe course here

ALDERGROVE - Neighbourhood Services is offering the Red Cross Child Safe class on Wednesdays, May 7 and 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. Fee is $25 per person for agency members and $35 for non-members. Childminding is available at no extra cost. To register, call Deborah at 857-4662.

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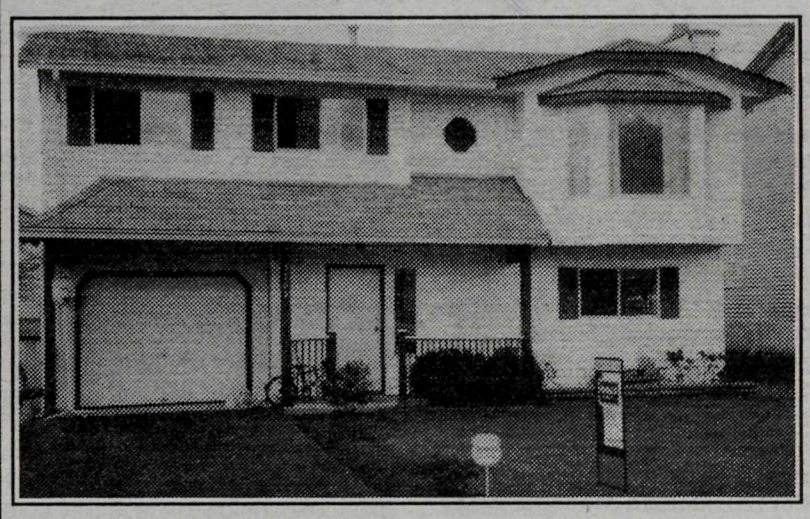

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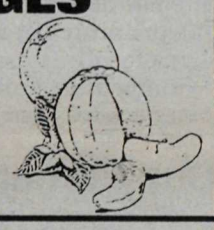

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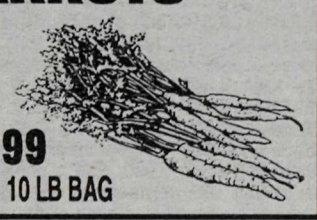

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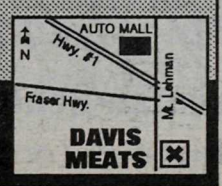

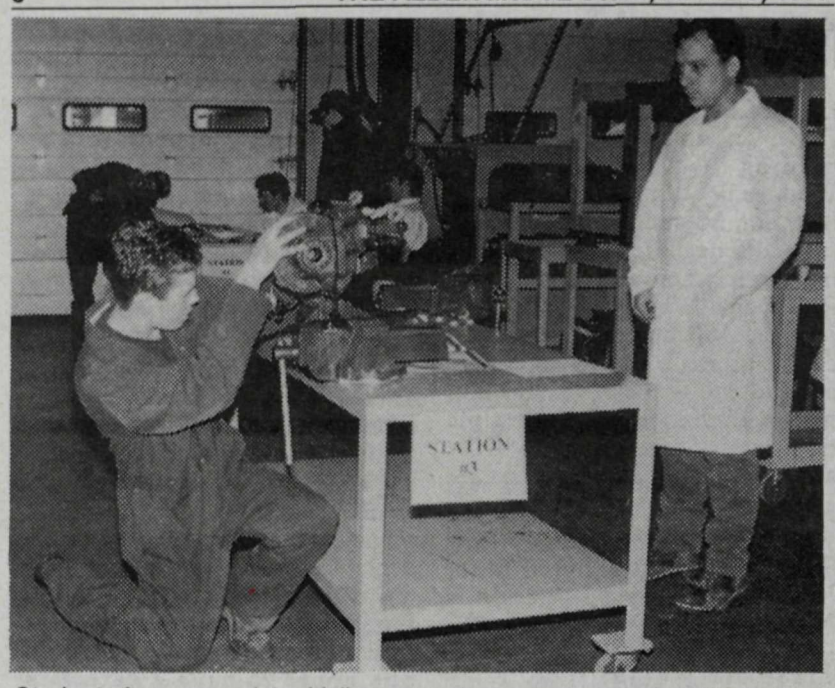

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High school trades competition to take the best to provincials

ABBOTSFORD - Students from around the valley got a chance to test their skills in the first-ever Upper Fraser Valley regional trades competition recently. The event was hosted by the University College of the Fraser Valley's Trades and Technology centre and the Career Technical Centre and sponsored by Skills Canada, a national, non-profit organization that promotes trades training internationally.

Competitors from senior secondary school throughout the valley, and the Career Technical Centre, competed in five categories: automotive, computer assisted drafting, carpentry, animation, and television video.

Responses from the competitors were very positive, and they felt the experience was interesting and valuable. All were excited about the possibility of going all the way to the international competition, which will be held in Zurich, Switzerland this year.

John Burns, a teacher at Abbotsford Seniors Secondary, sees the competition as a valuable opportunity for high school students to assess their skill level as it compares to other students through the region. "It also helps us to evaluate the programs we're offering our students," said Burns.

Jamie Toews and Travis Schwaerze from Abbotsford Seniors Secondary won first and second places in automotive. CTC students Paul Haulker and Dan Snow took first and second in CAD. Another CTC student, Chad Nickle, placed first in carpentry, with Lucien Brodner from Abbotsford Senior Secondary placing second. Students from Robert Bateman Senior Secondary walked away with the honours for animation: Jason Roubos and Drew Davenport placed first, and Joe Crawford and Brent Kirby came in second. Robert Bateman students Mike Olson and Rory Pickering came first in TV video, and Trevor McWhinney and Sang Tran from Abbotsford Seniors placed second.

The first place winners move on to the provincial competition in Vancouver.

"Supplementary fee" a tax hike

VANCOUVER - The $2.50 increase in the patient visit charge for all supplementary benefit practitioners is being called a tax hike by Jim Larson, the executive director of Massage Therapists' Association of B.C. The increase, which takes effect April 10, means that it will cost $10 to receive treatment from a massage therapist.

OBITUARY

KLIMUK: Anna, late of Aldergrove B.C., died on Sunday, March 30, 1997 at the MSA Hospital Abbotsford in her 92nd year. Mrs. Klimuk had lived in Aldergrove for the past 48 years. She was active in the Russian Orthodox Trinity Church in Vancouver. She was predeceased by her husband Peter in 1990. She is survived by her loving family; daughter Klaudia and husband Reinhold Neumann of Aldergrove; three grandsons, Harry and wife Diane Neumann of Mission, Harvey and wife Susan Neumann of Aldergrove, and Simon and wife Carol Neumann of Aldergrove; two granddaughters, Irene and husband Dave McCreedy of Pitt Meadows, and Elizabeth and husband Mark Beutel of Langley; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother, both in Russia. Funeral service was held on Thursday April 3, 1997 from the chapel of Hendersons Langley Funeral Home.Interment was at Langley Lawn Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Harry Neumann, Simon Neumann, Harvey Neumann, Dave McCreedy, Mark Beutel, John McCreedy, Curtis Neumann and Eric Neumann.

Henderson's Funeral Home (Langley)
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Persecution hot topic at evangelical assembly

ABBOTSFORD - Coping with religious persecution around the world will be high on the agenda of an assembly representative of 150-million people, to take place May 8-15. The tenth General Assembly of the World Evangelical Fellowship will draw from 500 to 750 delegates and observers from over 70 countries to Abbotsford, a city of 100,000 with one of the strongest per capita evangelical Christian populations in North America outside of the Bible belt of the American south.

Agustin "Jun" Vencer, a Filipino lawyer and leadership development specialist, who is WEF's international director, says Abbotsford was chosen for the assembly site, because the presence of many strong evangelical churches in the city fits with the meeting's theme, "focusing the strength of local churches". Indeed, he suggests, the strength of local churches, especially in countries where minority status leads to persecution, is the ability of those churches to communicate the gospel effectively in their cultures.

Discussion of the religious persecution issue at the assembly will centre on the report of WEF's Religious Liberty Commission. Johan Candelin, a Finnish pastor and chair of the commission, notes that WEF recognizes that "more Christians have been martyred in the 20th century than in all previous centuries combined". The commission, he suggests, "is a global network seeking relief for its members from political and religious oppression".

While the assembly is expected to draw crowds of up to 1,700 to a range of business and inspirational sessions, a Sunday afternoon gathering of 6,000 at an Abbotsford stadium will hear Argentine-born evangelist Luis Palau preach. Palau is as well-known in parts of Latin America and Asia, as is Billy Graham in North America and Europe.

For his part, Graham notes that "no organization has done more during the past century and a half to bring evangelicals together in commitment to evangelism, discipleship and biblical theology. In almost every country we have visited in our ministry, we have been privileged to have the enthusiastic support of the alliances, which are members of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Three North Americans on the assembly's speakers list are Brian Stiller, outgoing president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Leith Anderson, senior minister of Wooddale Church of Minneapolis and India-born and Canadian-educated Ravi Zacharias. All three men are respected leaders in the evangelical movement on this continent: Stiller, as the person who turned the EFC into an effective public policy influencer for Canadian evangelicals, Anderson, as a modeler of sound and effective church growth principles, and Zacharias as a specialist in university-level evangelism.

North American evangelicals will be learning as much from other countries, when the Abbotsford Assembly meets. The explosion of growth in non-Western evangelical churches from 30 percent of the world's evangelical population in 1960 to 70 percent today makes representatives from these countries (often in what is often referred to as the Two-Thirds World) experts in spiritual revival.

Chair of Assembly's BC Host Committee is Vern Heidebrecht, pastor of Abbotsford's Northview Community Church, one of Canada's largest Protestant churches. He notes: "We are praying that this historic event will be a defining moment for the future of the worldwide church."

The assembly will be comprised of four basic emphases: evangelism, critical issues worldwide, program encounters and inspirational. Within these program areas, countries from the same geographic regions will work together on a variety of issues including church growth, technology and ministry, world evangelization, worldwide partnership and nation building.

For information contact Reg Reimer, 556-3607, or Lloyd Mackey, 582-7288.

Women network

ABBOTSFORD - The Valley Women's Network will meet April 15, at the ABC Restaurant, 32080 Marshall Road, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Cost is $10 for members and $12 for non-members. Two speakers representing Peardonville House will be speaking on women and substance abuse. For reservations, call Susan Trithardt at 853-9412 or Dianne Pender at 855-9310.

Local Christian school experiences tremendous growth: Enrollment at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy has increased 25% this year to 290 students. This growth in student population follows a 23,000 sq.ft. major expansion to the facility completed last year. A new computer lab of 33 networked Pentium units with MS Office Pro '97 and Internet web page creation has been added this year. A fleet of seven full size buses now transport students to the school located at 26026-48 Avenue in Aldergrove.

Aldergrove Alliance Church
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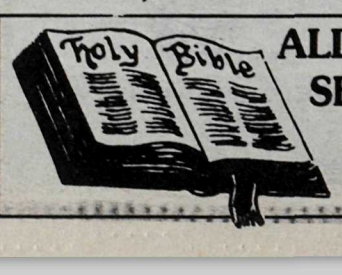

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Giant white elephant sale to support local causes

ALDERGROVE - Have you done your spring cleaning yet? Found anything you do not want or need any longer? The Aldergrove Kinette Club can help you.

There will be a Giant Community White Elephant Sale, Saturday, May 10 in the Heritage Park on 32 Avenue, sponsored by the Kinette Club. The Kinettes will gladly accept your donations, small or large. Any and all monies raised will help further support of our special community and its needs. If you would like to donate any item or just want more information on when and where, call Kinsmen Park Place at 856-6789 and leave your name, number and message.

"Thank you for helping us service the community's greatest needs. We invite you to come to the park and join in the fun," said a spokesperson.

ASK ANNABELLE

My Dear Annabelle,

If I could find my trusty bayonet, I would affix it to my trusty rifle (which also seems to be missing) and lead a charge against these Canada Post and municipal wallahs, who have moved me, most unwillingly, from Aldergrove to Langley. Surely no one who believes in democratic process would want to be identified with the LLT junta of Mayor Scholtens and his band of yes-men (or yes-persons, if you will).

Any despatches received with "Langley" instead of "Aldergrove" on them I mark "no such address - return to sender". Unless, of course, the missive contains a cheque or money order, in which case one empties the envelope before marking it for return, what?

This high-handed business of trying to wipe Aldergrove off the map to satisfy a platoon of petty officials reminds me of an incident during my years of service in the East African country of Bakkenland, which was once fortunate enough to be a part of the great British Empire, may it rest in peace.

At the time that I was put in command of Sanitary Remedial Services (the latrines, actually) at Army headquarters in the small town of McMullanburg, the national postal system consisted of runners with cleft sticks. Messages were simply inserted in the clefts and delivered. A good runner could cover 35 miles in a day, so that if the system were used here, a letter could be sent from Aldergrove to Vancouver in a single day rather than the three to five days presently required. This employed many people in healthful outdoor work and, indeed, led to the country contributing several Olympic medal-winning marathoners. But, alas, it was not to last.

It was not long before the LLT (Lots of Latent Tyrants) Party took power in a bloodless coup (they strangled their opponents) and appointed several inmates of the state mental hospital and a calico cat named Roger to recruit a civil service. Among other things, a "modern" postal service was put in place. After that, it took at least five days to move a message 35 miles. Or across the street, for that matter.

The final "improvement" was to declare McMullanburg a part of the capital city of Scholtensville, heartland of the Tyrants Party. Unluckily this precipitated a civil war from which Bakkenland never recovered. I was relieved when I was transferred to HQ latrine duty in the less developed country of Outer Slobbovia, where none of the chaps can read or write and so, happily, a postal service was not required.

Your obedient servant,

Brig. Gen. Hugo "Huge" Wallop (ret.)

Dear Huge,

I'm sure there's an important lesson to be learned in this story, and I hope to find it some day. Meanwhile, readers, don't forget to sign the Ingram-Johnson petition if you want to remain in Aldergrove. The petition is at The Aldergrove Star and at the Alder Grove Heritage Society office in the restored telephone building.

Dear Annabelle,

I hope you will print this letter so I can thank you and the group of friends who gave me that nice little radio. You all know who you are. I am aged 87 and live in an old folks' home. All my people are gone. It's nice to know that someone thinks of me.

My roommate is 95 and always had her own radio, but would never let me listen to it. The other day her radio fell and broke into a lot of pieces. It was awful. She asked if she could listen to mine, so naturally I told her to go get stuffed.

Sincerely, Janet Smith.

Dear Readers,

Having problems with your love life? Have you got a beef to get off your chest? Drop me a line care of The Aldergrove Star, 3089-272 St., Aldergrove V4W 3R9 or e-mail to: editor@ aldstar.com

New Snowbird team debuts on April 15

ABBOTSFORD - The 1997 version of the famed Canadian Snowbirds jet demonstration team will thrill its first audience of the new season in the skies over Vancouver, April 15.

The team, which transitions new members each season, has spent the past two weeks conducting over-water training for the 1997 performance season. Its first act will be a formation flyover of Vancouver on its way to touchdown at Abbotsford Airport.

The formation will arrive in Vancouver at about 9 am, entering the city's airspace over the Lion's Gate Bridge. It will then do at least one full circuit of the city and then exit up Burrard Inlet over the Second Narrows Bridge, overflying Burnaby to the Fraser River and then on to Abbotsford.

At Abbotsford, the Abbotsford International Airshow Society, operators of the annual air show (this year Aug. 8-10), will host the Snowbirds at a media reception.

This season's Snowbirds are led by Major Darryl Shyiak, and among the nine performing pilots are Langley resident Capt. Derek Miller, Capt. Dan Robinson of Vancouver, and Capt. Mike Ayling of North Vancouver.

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Langley Continuing Education offers a variety of Red Cross First Aid and CPR courses, ranging from four hours to 18 hours in length, with instruction in adult, child and/or infant rescue techniques and first aid skills. Those few hours of your time may give a lifetime of hours to someone else. Sign up today by calling 533-4227.

New club for the early bird

LANGLEY - The new Langley Dawn Toastmasters Club will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, April 30 from 7 to 8:30 am. Meeting space at Langley College, 20381-66 Avenue, has been graciously donated by Rob Donald. This new club will join the 188 other Toastmasters clubs in B.C. and over 8,000 around the world, which offer men and women of all ages the opportunity to build their skills and confidence as public speakers.

The Toastmasters program is based on a series of communication and leadership manuals. Members control their own progress - it is totally self-paced. There are no "instructors" in Toastmasters. Members learn from the feedback they receive from one another, new and experienced members alike.

Immediate past district governor for those 188 clubs in B.C., Susan Niven, said, "It's exciting to watch the buds bursting into bloom as people build their confidence. In today's business world, and for those of us who want to become more involved in community events or nonprofit organizations, the ability to stand up and speak ... coherently... is a critical success skill. I have watched hundreds develop that skill (and the confidence that goes with it) through their participation in Toastmasters."

There are three Toastmasters clubs in Langley already. Two of them meet in the evenings and one at the noon hour. "This new club will meet the needs of those whose business or personal schedules don't enable them to be at meetings at those times. Early mornings are great for business owners, teachers, parents with young children, and everyone in sales. In fact, Chamber of Commerce president, Bob Long, has visited a few evening Toastmasters meetings lately, but has found his evenings too busy. We're hoping to see him as a charter member of Langley Dawn", said Niven.

Niven also pointed out that, "Toastmasters is great networking! A Canadian Business magazine article a few years ago mentioned the top 10 organizations to belong to for networking. Toastmasters was #2 on the list!"

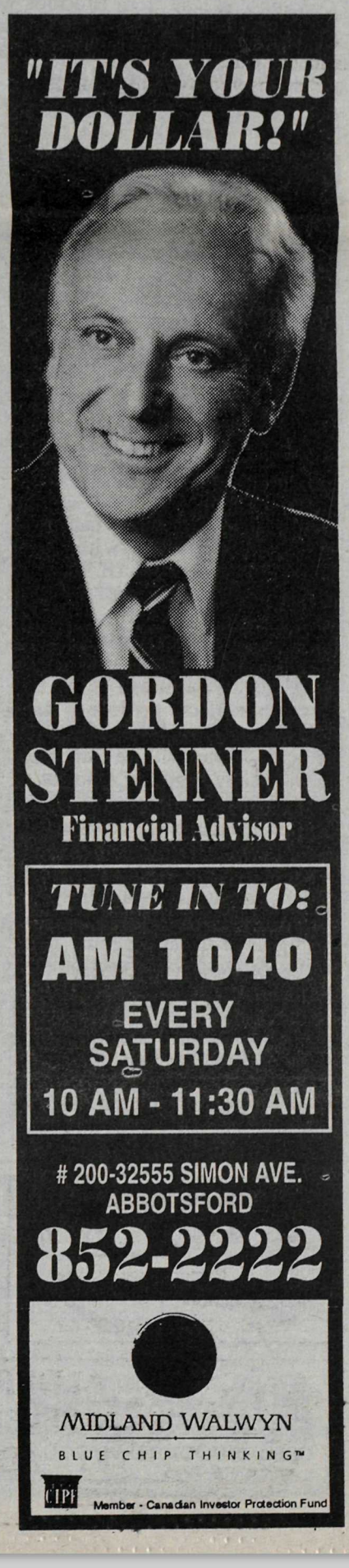
Bob Hooey, next year's district governor for Toastmasters in B.C., is with Kitchen Craft Cabinetry on Langley By-Pass. He and Niven will be working together to get the new club up running. For more information, contact Susan Niven at 533-5497 or Bob Hooey at 520-5411.

Toastmasters clean up for Township

LANGLEY - The Toastmasters Area Speech and Evaluation Contest was held recently at Kwantlen college, with first place honours for speech and evaluation going to Township Toastmasters Art Martens and Marc Weigel. Once again Township Toastmasters can be congratulated for the talent, sincerity, passion and quality of their speakers.

The club, which meets each Tuesday at lunch hour in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 4914-221 Street, is garnering a reputation of quality speaking and efficient, energetic, supportive club meetings.

If you are looking to increase your public speaking ability, develop greater self-esteem and self-worth, and you want to make a change for yourself in a friendly, supportive environment, then Township Toastmasters is for you. If you would like a recent newsletter or simply more information about the club or Toastmasters, then telephone Dennis Paget at 533-6029.



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Children and staff from Precious Moments Preschool pose with the hop-a-thon bunny after hopping to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy last week. The children collected pledges and hopped to raise several hundred dollars for a good cause. -Monique Galazka photo

SENIORS' NEWS

Great phenomenon a nighttime display

By MAUDIE MacPHERSON

ALDERGROVE - This has been a great spring for skywatchers. Grab your binoculars, and on a clear night you will see the comet Hale-Bopp up there in the northwestern sky bobbing around with its long tail looking most impressive. From our deck we get an unobstructed view of the great sky. The things you see flashing really makes you wonder what goes on up there among the planets.

It's 4200 years since Hale-Bopp has been seen, and I have to tell you, not many of us will be seeing it again, since it will be 2380 more years until it passes our way again. So at around 9 pm standard time, make a point of observing that great phenomenon.

At the general meeting last Friday plans were made for the delegates attending the convention at Quesnel in June, also delegates for the regional meeting in Cultus Lake on April 17 were chosen. Mary Sansome, George Speerin, Hughie and myself will represent #71, but all visitors are welcome.

Evidently the Aldergrove Festival Days are 13, 14, 15 of June. The Saturday, June 14, is Parade Day, and as usual the OAP are planning to have the Strawberry Tea in the hall following the parade. More details will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

Carpet bowling was canceled last Thursday, the hall was rented for a memorial tea, but this Thursday we expect twice as many to man our carpets.

Bridge as usual last Friday evening. Scores for the players were like this: Doug Johnston first prize winner with a score of 8070, second John McDougall had 6810, Bill McKeown was third with 6180, Gladys Peterson came in fourth with 6130, and Jim Smith had 6070. The draw went to Irma Groves.

I attended the Art Club display on Saturday in the OAP hall. It's quite amazing what our local artists produce. Refreshments were served, but I didn't win the picture in the raffle, otherwise I would have had a call. Too bad, it just fitted my color scheme.

Round dancing on Tuesday as usual in the OAP hall.

The date for the Whist party will be the last Thursday of April (24th). Try to make it a success.

The Pot Luck will be the fourth Sunday of April (27th) at 5:30 pm. Keep these dates in mind.

There was a medium crowd at the Wednesday dance last week. The Spot dance went to Gwen Keay and George Yusko. 50-50 winners were Helen Souther, Gwen Keay, and Cliff Anderson.

On Saturday, April 5, there was a good crowd. Visitors from Chilliwack were Bill and Dorothy. Bill was a regular some twenty years ago, but hadn't attended for a long time. Spot dance went to Dick Lockhart and Lorraine Schmunck, the second Spot was won by George Speerin and Evelyn Janis. The Happy Gang provided the music for both dances. The five 50-50 winners were Vern Nash, Mary Sanderson, Dorothy Lurr, Doreen Debnak and Herb Cunningham. The door prizes were won by Claude Levasseur and Evelyn Janis.

Good news of Dorothy Seklinka. She has left the North Battleford hospital and gone into River Heights, a senior home in Battleford. Good luck, Dorothy.

I wonder how many watched the Women's World hockey play off between Canada and the U.S.A. Canada won all their games and the Americans had no losses but one tie. It was a great game, and those gals played hard, but Canada came out on top in overtime. There was great rejoicing when the gold medals were presented; too bad they can't be all winners, especially when you saw the disappointment on the American girls' faces..

But it was great to be a Canadian, when they sang "O Canada" at the presentation ceremony. The disappointing part was to listen to the sport news Monday morning on radio, and not one mention of our Canadian Women's victory. Maybe equality hasn't rubbed off on our local sports reporters.

No books to recommend this week. I've just started John Grisham's "Pelican Brief", but if it's as good as some of his others, such as "The Chamber" and "The Rainmaker" I'll let you know.

This is the Seniors News for this week.

Here's a quote by Nancy Greene: "Doesn't everyone expect to win?"

Last enumeration starts up

ALDERGROVE - Shirley Joiner, returning officer for the federal electoral district of Langley-Abbotsford announced the opening of an office on April 2 from which the last federal enumeration will be coordinated.

Starting Thursday, April 10 until Wednesday, April 16, enumerators wearing bright yellow Elections Canada badges will be visiting households throughout the riding to collect the names of Canadian citizens, who have reached the age of 18 and are therefore eligible to vote.

"This 'Once and for all' enumeration is an important milestone in the history of federal elections, in that it will be the last time enumerators go door-to-door to gather names of electors," Joiner said. "So it will be important that as many eligible Canadians as possible are enumerated."

The information collected by Elections Canada enumerators will be used to create a permanent voters list - a National Register of Electors. Once established, it will be updated on an ongoing basis using existing data from federal, provincial and territorial sources. This automated data base of qualified electors will be used to produce preliminary lists of electors for all future federal general elections, by-elections and referendums.

The electoral district office will be open between 9 am and 9 pm, Wednesday, April 2 to Thursday, April 17. Anyone having questions on the enumeration process should feel free to call or to ask one of the enumerators who will be visiting homes in this riding over the April 10 to April 16 period.

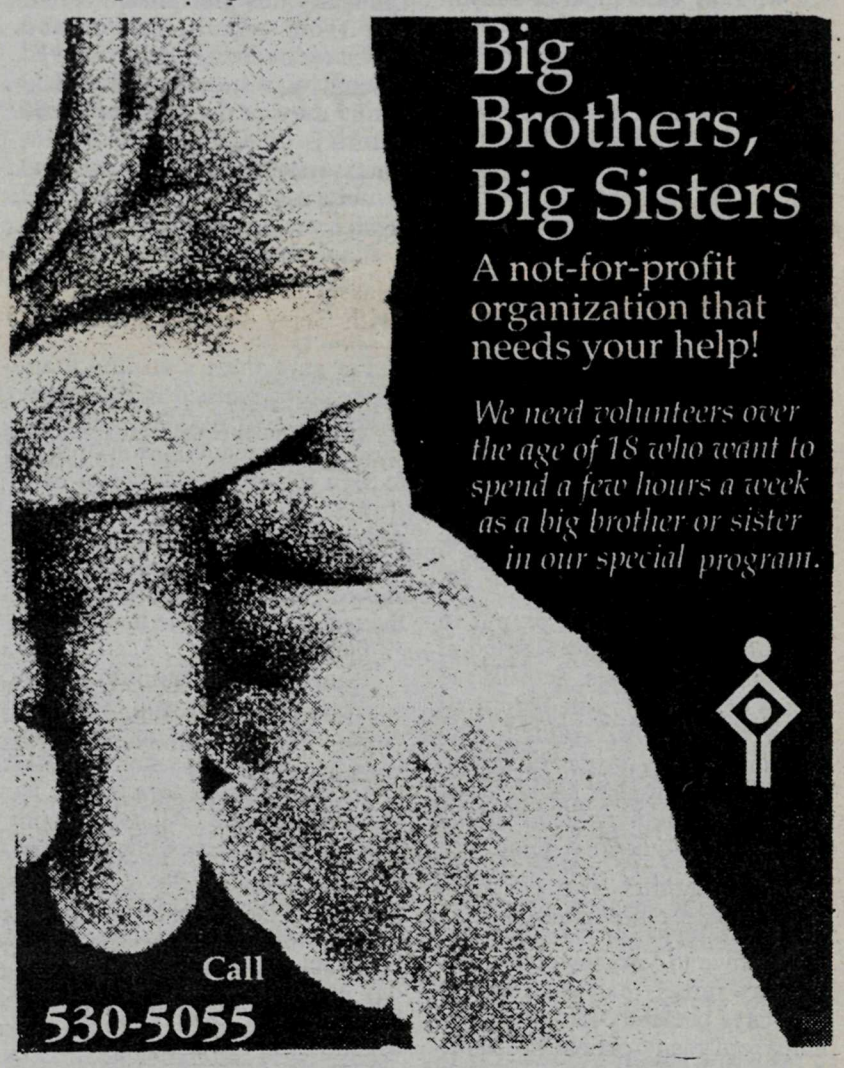
For further information, call 856-4033 or fax 856-0402.

Van Baalen to food council

LANGLEY - Marlene Van Baalen of Brookside Greenhouses has recently been appointed to the Canadian Agri-Food Marketing Council.

CAMC is comprised of 26 leaders in agriculture, food industry and marketing sectors. The function of the council is to advise the government of Canada with regards to the marketing and competitiveness requirements of the agricultural industry; it will recommend ways to tailor strategies, programs and services to enhance sales of Canadian agri-food products both internationally and domestically. Van Baalen will be traveling to Ottawa on April 14 for the inaugural meeting.

Van Baalen has been closely involved with both the farming business and professional planning for 20 years, enabling her to approach agricultural issues from various perspectives. As a member of the CAMC, she looks forward to representing the interests of BC agriculture, and hopes to be of service to the agricultural commodity groups in Langley and the Fraser Valley.



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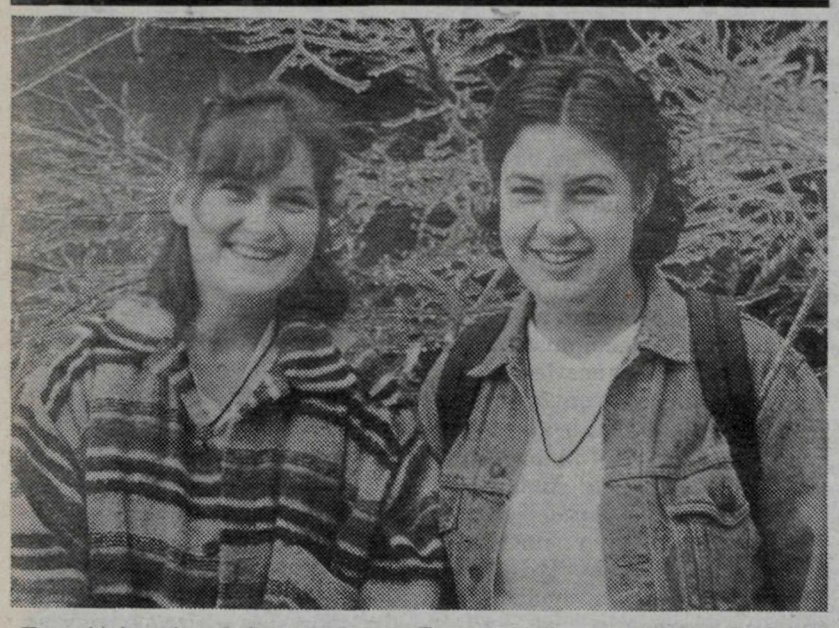

Two University College of the Fraser Valley students, Barbara Lafresnay (left) and Larissa Hildebrandt, are breaking new ground for the institution. They're in the midst of a six-month work term in Nicaragua, and are the first UCFV Co-operative Education students to take co-op positions outside of Canada. Co-op students alternate academic semesters with paid work terms related to their field of study. Both Lafresnaye and Hildebrandt are taking Latin American Studies and working toward their Bachelor of Arts degrees. Their co-op placement differs slightly from typical ones in that they are working for room and board, not wages. They are working with Fundacion entre volcanes, a community development organization on the Island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua. The foundation runs various popular education programs focusing on areas such as agriculture, health, and women's and youth issues. The UCFV students' duties include teaching English to foundation members who work as tour guides, and organizing sports and recreation opportunities for youth and women. They are staying with local families during their visit.

Watercolors in the garden

CLEARBROOK - The Fraser Valley Watercolour Society present their 1997 spring art show, Down the Garden Path, at the Clearbrook Library, 32320 Dahlstrom Avenue. The show, featuring current original works by its thirty-five members, runs for an entire week from Friday, April 18 to Saturday, April 26.

There is a meet the artists reception on Tuesday, April 22 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am to 9 pm.

There will be a free draw to win an original watercolour painting.

Anyone attending previous shows put on by this talented local group will appreciate the need to arrive early and enjoy this fabulous festival of watercolours. The Fraser Valley Watercolour Society would like to thank Homestead Nurseries on Cyril Street for their generous support.

The Fraser Valley Watercolour Society began in 1983 as a group of students taking watercolour classes at Fraser Valley College with Gerry Thompson, AFCA, a graduate of the FVC Fine Arts Department. When Gerry moved to Vancouver, the group decided to continue meeting and painting together and in 1987, at Gerry's suggestion, they formed the Fraser Valley watercolour Society. Gerry Thompson is an honorary lifetime member and occasionally returns to give workshops to the group.

The society was incorporated in 1993 and is "dedicated to the enrichment, excellence, mutual support and encouragement of its members".

Today the group, led by president Eileen Farrer, has about thirty members, including twelve original members, and meets every week to paint during the school year. The Fraser Valley Watercolour Society is a member of the Abbotsford Arts Council and supports the proposal for a community cultural centre.

Night for GVRD parks and friends

VANCOUVER - Are you interested in the future of Aldergrove Lake and other Greater Vancouver Regional District parks? Bring your questions and views to A Night with GVRD Parks and Friends, part of the public forum, Working Together to Sustain Parks and Protected Areas, in the conference centre at the Landmark Hotel in downtown Vancouver on April 11 from 7 to 9 pm.

The evening showcases what's going on in your regional parks and how they could be funded in the coming years. Mingle over dessert and coffee with parks' partners and learn about the new partnership initiative. The sit-down part of the evening is from 7:30 to 8:30 and includes a brief slide show, controversial improvisational theatre, a townhall question-and-answer session and your chance to voice your opinion.

This free program is sponsored by GVRD Parks; call for reservations to 432-6350.

Legion news

By MADELINE ROACH

ALDERGROVE - This week the Legion has Saddle Stone playing Thursday night from 8 to 12. Digger is on stage Friday and Saturday from 9 to 1 and Sunday from 4:30 to 8:30.

This Sunday we host our Spring Invitational Pool Tournament in the lounge at 11:30. Our ways and means committee have the kitchen open for burgers, fries, and onion rings on Saturday during the meat draw from 2 to 5, and Sunday from 4 to 7.

Our regular weekly events are still going strong. Monday night is crib night. Tuesday we have fun darts in the lounge and bingo in the hall. The bingo is open to the public, and the games start at 6:30. Wednesday night is pool.

Cowboy poets

ABBOTSFORD - On Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, Wolfflow Productions is presenting a live cowboy poetry and western music show at the Matsqui community centre.

This show will feature the poetry of Abbotsford's David Longworth and the music of Vernon's Rob Dinwoodie. Opening the show will be Cowgirl Julie Valenti, an artist whose music and storytelling in schools and community centres is well know throughout the Fraser Valley. There will also be an western art show featuring the photography of Gloria Caplette and drawings of Rob Dinwoodie.

The tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for children and seniors, and are available in advance from Windy Creek Tack in Aldergrove, or phone 853-7727. Matsqui Village's hall is at 33676 St. Olafs.

Book festival

LANGLEY - The Fraser Valley Regional Library and Willowbrook Shopping Centre are hosting a festival of Canadian authors and theatre sports in conjunction with Canada Book Day on Wednesday, April 23, 9 am to 3 pm.

One thousand school children will celebrate Canada Book Day at Willowbrook. They will meet, see and listen to Canadian authors, read in the reading tent and actively participate with Vancouver TheatreSports League and their Story Tales, improvised performances of favourite childrens stories. Authors include Sheryl McFarlane, Linda Bailey, Sarah Ellis, Diane Swanson and Tololwa Mollel.

Focus on wit and wisdom

ABBOTSFORD - Subjects ranging from an exposé of the cosmetic industry to natural healing, menopause, enhancing relationships and family and community health will be featured at the Women in the Valley Conference this year.

The annual conference for women, by women, and about women will take place at UCFV's Abbotsford campus on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 am to 5 pm. There will be eight workshops to choose from. The fee is $30 for one workshop or $50 for two. Both fees include the keynote address and lunch.

"This year's conference - entitled Wit, Wisdom, and Wholeness - will explore the most important ingredients of wellness and happiness, which include a sense of humour, the ability to see things in perspective, self-esteem without self-absorption, appreciation of our elders, and understanding that facts alone do not wisdom make," said Continuing Education director Cheryl Isaac, who is coordinating the conference.

Keynote speaker Sally Glover, a professional educator and human relations trainer and coordinator will focus on wit, wisdom, and wholeness as the best resources for managing change, dealing with stress, and "getting a grip". To register, call 853-7441.

Celebrity auction for MS

VANCOUVER - The West Coast Celebrity Auction for MS will take place on Saturday, May 24 at the BC Enterprise Hall, Plaza of Nations.

Themed around recreation and leisure, with packages to suit everyone's tastes, this inaugural event is not to be missed

To add to the excitement, some auction packages will include a "celebrity". Try a day at Whistler with crazy Canuck Steve Podborski, or a corporate all inclusive weekend for ten with private instruction from skiing legend Lauralee Bowie. If the slopes aren't your thing, then how about learning to drive a race car with Ross Bentley, or the "Dad of the Year Package", where the lucky bidder will earn his child and several of their friends an invitation to a closed practice with Corey Hirsch?

Decorating tips or home decor items will be available for bid. Anything you need will be here. Tickets are $75 per person or $650 and $850 (runway) for corporate tables of ten. Based on a $75 individual ticket price, tax receipts will be issued for $45. All proceeds generated at this event will go towards furthering research and providing services for people with multiple sclerosis.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sally at the MS Society at 689-3144 or TicketMaster at 280-4444.

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SHINE (PG)
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Garden Guidelines

Basic Soil Preparation

To achieve any kind of success in gardening, you will need to commit yourself to building and maintaining rich, healthy soil. Soil improvement is an on-going process that will reward you with fertile, well-drained, aerated, loose, evenly textured soil. It will be filled with worms, fungi, bacteria and other organisms that will help maintain its health. Like the plants it brings forth and supports, soil is alive and changing. Gardeners should put as much care into building and maintaining soil fertility and structure as plant selection, plant care and garden design.

Preparation of a soil bed area should begin when soil is neither too wet nor too dry. Working the soil under either condition can greatly damage its structure. Before preparing your planting bed, pick up a clump of soil and roll it into a ball. If the ball is putty-like or rubbery, it is too wet to work. Wait a few days until it dries out a bit more. If the soil is too fine or dry to roll into a ball, water the area evenly and wait a day or two.

If your garden area has never been worked before, remove all sod and weeds either mechanically with a rototiller or tractor, or by hand. Compost the removed weeds and sod.

Enriching Soil Naturally

For most flowers or vegetables, it will be sufficient to turn and work the soil to a depth of about 10–12 inches. However, the deeper the soil is worked, the better—especially for deep-rooted crops. Before you turn over the soil, spread a one- to four-inch layer of compost or other humus over the area. This layer should be deeper if you are working with very poor soil. The compost should consist of a decomposed mixture of raw organic materials like leaves, grass clippings, well-aged manures and kitchen wastes. If you do not have your own compost pile, you can usually collect leaf mold and grass clippings from the local public works department, and manures from horse stables.

Work the organic matter into the garden bed to a depth of at least four to six inches. It is easiest to work in the compost by working the soil in strips. Begin by digging a trench about one foot wide and shovel out the top 10–12 inches of soil. This soil can be set aside to fill in the final trench of the bed. Dig another trench alongside the first and put its 10–12 inches of soil into the first trench. Continue this pattern until the entire area has been worked.

After the entire bed is loosened, turned, and the compost fully integrated, rake to smooth and level the soil surface. Finally, lightly water the bed to settle it.

Soil pH

Most garden plants grow best with a soil pH between 6.2 and 6.8, which is slightly acidic. The pH of a soil is important because essential plant nutrients become unavailable if the pH is either too high or too low. A general rule of thumb is that areas that receive little rainfall with warm temperatures usually have alkaline soils or higher pH, while areas that are temperate with high rainfalls usually have acidic soils, or lower pH. To know for sure, you should have your soil tested. Contact your local county service extension for information on where and how to test for pH, or you can purchase a soil testing kit from most garden centers or mail-order garden supply catalogs.

If you are preparing a bed for plants that need acidic soils, like azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons or dogwoods, add equal parts of peat moss, decomposed pine needles and compost to the root area where the plants will be planted to a depth of at least 18 inches or more if possible. This mixture should be pre-moistened before being incorporated into the planting hole.

To lower the pH, an addition of a sulphur or iron sulphate is worked into the soil. Follow the application guidelines on packages of these amendments to correct the pH level.

The pH can be raised by the addition of dolomitic limestone which also adds calcium and magnesium to the soil. Wood ashes will increase pH but it takes twice as much as the amount of limestone to achieve the same result. However, ashes also add potassium, phosphate and boron to the soil.

Soil Tests And Fertilizers

Soil tests can also determine the relative nutrient levels in the soil so adjustments can be made to correct any nutrient deficiencies. With regular additions of compost, you should attain adequate fertility in the soil over time. If soil fertility is poor, you may need to add direct sources of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. These are the major nutrients essential for all plant growth. They can be immediately increased with an application of chemical fertilizer. Commercial fertilizers list the relative amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as the N-P-K ratio. For example, a bag of 10-5-5 fertilizer has a higher nitrogen content than phosphorus or potassium. Nitrogen, which promotes leaf development in plants, can be increased organically by incorporating blood meal, fish meal, cottonseed meal, or hoof and horn meal into the soil. Phosphorus promotes root development and cell division, strong stems, root growth and disease resistance. It can be added in the form of potash, kelp meal, greensand or crushed granite.

Trace elements such as boron, zinc, iron and magnesium are needed by plants in much smaller amounts than nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Nevertheless, they are vital for healthy and vigorous plant growth and development. If you are regularly adding compost, and practicing good soil care, you should have a good balance of available trace elements. If your soil is very poor to start with, an application of kelp or seaweed is an excellent source for supplying trace elements.

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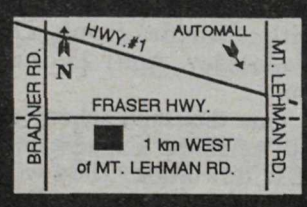

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Freshen up your home for spring

ABBOTSFORD - With spring upon us, many thoughts turn towards a new look around the home. Stenciling is a technique that began centuries ago, and has remained a popular option in the '90s. A Lower Mainland company called Studio 32 Design has fabulously exquisite designs that are largely not available anywhere else.

Since the beginning of Studio 32 in 1994, owner Jolaine Wiens has given over 200 demonstrations. Currently she teaches classes that run every spring and fall. "My true enjoyment and satisfaction comes when I see the smile of success and accomplishment on the face of a beginner," she said. "This is my goal."

Her unique approach using rollers and ordinary household latex paint often generate the most interest. The ease, speed, convenience, and remarkable results would guarantee a smile every time. She shows techniques using stencil brushes and paints, blending colors, and shading. You can soak in a wealth of tips and tricks, as well as other practical and inventive ways to use stenciling in your home.

"Have you ever thought of stenciling a lamp shade, wrapping paper, a throw pillow, your backsplash, or your shower curtain?" she says. The phrase "if only I knew" becomes well used. Needless to say, the classes always prove to be more than expected.

If you already know how to stencil, or are just curious, Jolaine urges your take a look at the designs available. These designs are like none you've seen. Comparable to a hand painted design, with intricate detail, depth, and so realistic. There is truly something for everyone - botanicals, children's, architectural, masculine, garden themes, and murals. "I've recently had inquiries from an elementary school on murals available for their hallways". The cost of stenciling is very reasonable compared to other popular options such as wallpaper. "Something to remember is your cost doesn't increase per foot, and the stencil is 100% reusable for the future".

If you are looking to bring some personality and elegance to your home, give stenciling a try. You can reach Jolaine weekdays at 859-2124 - just ask for "The Stencil Lady"!

New Fertilizer Technology Takes Guesswork Out

By Dr. Fred Hulme

(NAPS)—For years, home gardeners have dreamed about a safe, effective fertilizer that could be applied once a season and wouldn't over- or underfeed trees, lawns, shrubs, vegetables and flowers.

Thanks to a recent technological breakthrough called time-release plant food, a new line of products called Once Season Long Lawn and Plant Foods has been developed. The products release nutrients slowly, over time, and eliminate the worry of having to feed your plants every other week. As the products' name suggests, they can be applied once at the beginning of the growing season and will deliver the vital nutrients and minerals needed to endure healthy plant growth for the entire growing season, in some cases for as long as nine months.

The Once products contain Osmocote—unique, resin-coated granules of liquefied plant food which continually release a controlled amount of nutrients into the soil as plants need them. This means that plants receive more food when they're hungry and less when they're not. As a result, the "feast or famine" cycle that so often occurs with ordinary plant foods is averted.

Another unique new product, ideal for use indoors and outdoors, is Peters Professional Plant & Feed which combines the benefits of professional-grade potting soils with the nutritional delivery system of time-release plant foods. The product is actually a porous, medium-weight potting soil that blends sphagnum peat moss, processed bark and horticultural-grade vermiculite, along with time-release plant food ingredients.

Together, these ingredients help both started plants and seedlings retain moisture and provide an excellent environment for strong root development and rapid growth of house plants, ornamental shrubs, container plants, garden vegetables and flowers of all kinds. This measured feeding ensures optimum plant performance and beautiful results all season long.

Great strides have been made in the fertilizer field, and I'm sure there will continue to be more. In the meantime, products such as Once and Peters Plant & Feed are making it easier and quicker than ever for everyday gardeners to wield a green thumb like that of a professional.

(Dr. Fred Hulme is the horticultural technology manager of The Scotts Company.)

Landscaping Goes Native

(NAPS)—In an increasing number of communities around the country, native plants and natural areas are used to complement grass lawns, a landscaping practice known as Xeriscape.

According to Bob Dickinson, senior landscape architect for ITT-CDC at Palm Coast, Florida, this is "water conservation through creative landscaping," and something his company has long practiced.

The landscape design capitalizes on the natural beauty of existing vegetation. It minimizes the use of open sod areas and maximizes the use of native plants. Builders are especially careful of trees and their root systems.

Easy Compost

(NAPS)—Many years ago, gardeners discovered the benefits of composting leaves, grass clippings and weeds. They also discovered the great amount of labor required to periodically turn their compost pile to provide aeration for proper composting. Researchers at Cook College of Rutgers University have found that 1/2-inch layers of perlite for every six inches of leaves in the compost pile can substantially reduce the time and frequency of turning required to produce enhanced compost.

But the benefits don't end there. When composting is completed and the compost is put to use in the garden or in the shrub border, the perlite continues to perform for many years as it lightens and aerates the soil while increasing its water-holding ability.

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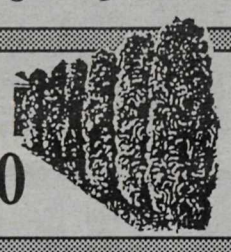

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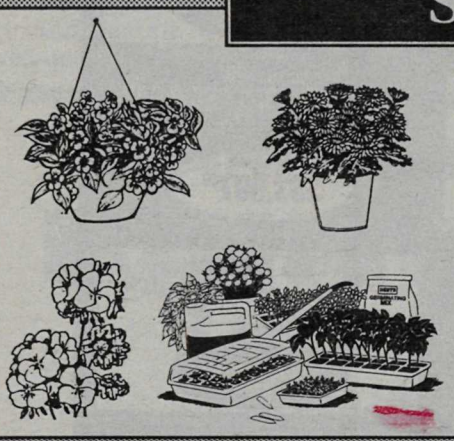

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Speedies zips back into action

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ALDERGROVE - Speedies Skateboard and Snowboard Shop is back better than ever, with a new shop that includes a ramp for skaters.

Speedies was formerly located at the back of the Street to Peak Bike Shop on Fraser Highway, which is undergoing restoration after a fire and is expected to re-open shortly. Speedies is now in larger premises of its own, sharing an industrial warehouse with Legacy Carpets, across Fraser Highway from Safeway.

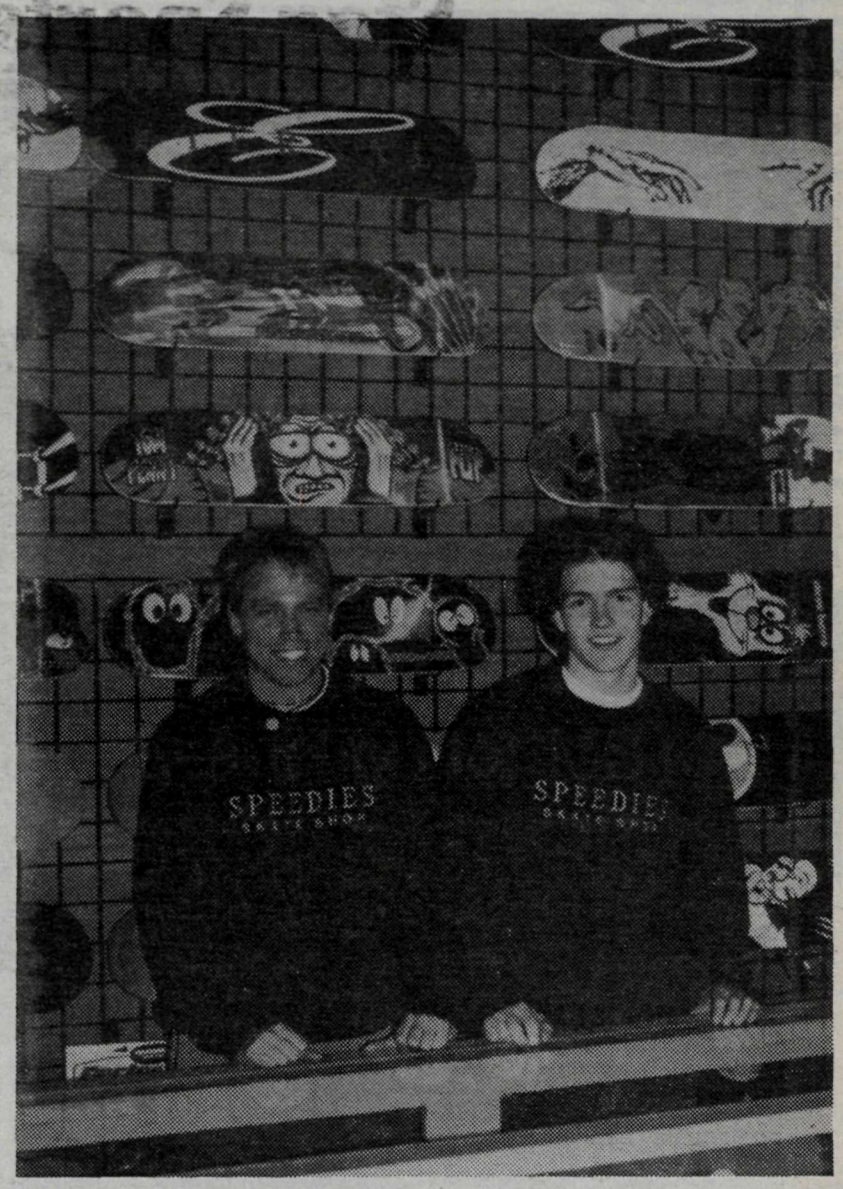
Speedies is one of only three privately owned skateboard ramps open to the public in B.C. Memberships are encouraged, and incentives include discounted daily ramp fees, monthly passes and shop-related benefits.

In the skateshop, customers will find a variety of skateboards, trucks, wheels, completes and clothing -- something for all types and levels of skateboarders. Speedies also specializes in the latest off-road skateboard equipment for the hardcore dirtboarder.

Owner Andrew Strijack's love of board sports, whether surf, snow or skate, is reflected in his wide array of skateboard products. The Speedies team of Derek Cebula, Jason Ballantyne, Scott Chalmers, Eran Vooys and Ray Chartkowski, ensures the latest in product and information.

For those riding the ramp, helmets are required and pads are encouraged. All equipment will be available for sale or rental. For parents and spectators, there is a viewing area and lounge, so feel free to come by and observe the action.

Speedies' ramp and shop hours are Mondays to Fridays 1-9 p.m., Saturdays 10-9 p.m., and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Facilities are also available for private bookings between 9 and 11 p.m., Mondays to Saturdays.



Andrew Strijack and Jason Ballantyne man the front counter at Speedies' new location in Aldergrove. -Kurt Langmann photos

Volunteer celebration showcase

ABBOTSFORD - Canada celebrates its volunteers across the country during National Volunteer Week, April 13 to 19. This week is dedicated to the recognition and appreciation of our over 6-million volunteers throughout our nation. Communities across Canada will be giving an extra special thanks to their volunteers through a variety of activities. Abbotsford will be among those celebrating.

The Fraser Valley Volunteer Centre and United Way of the Fraser Valley are proud to support several events coordinated by the National Volunteer Week Planning Committee. National Volunteer Week will be kicked off with the Volunteer Showcase: Catch the Spirit! at West Oaks Mall on Monday, April 14. This free event gives the public an opportunity to explore volunteer positions by asking questions of participating groups. Agencies can set up displays, distribute brochures and meet potential recruits.

Another exciting event going on during the week is the national media campaign of The Elected Hours of Service. Federal, provincial and municipal elected officials are encouraged to donate one hour of volunteer service within their ridings or districts. This unique initiative, scheduled for National Volunteer Week April 13 to 19, will help to raise awareness in our community about the importance of volunteerism in building a strong and vibrant community. Call Jaime Watson at 854-1844 during working hours for information on events.

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A hard-pressing Vyner's, England team worked its way to Aldergrove Totems Juniors' goalpost in the early minutes of their game, April 3 at Aldergrove. The traveling rugby team had a great time here, and were honored by being piped to the field by bagpipes. It was part of a "rugby fest" that included senior boys' against Randwick, Australia, and senior girls' league play against Semiahmoo. -Kurt Langmann photo

Mountaineers take lacrosse gold medal

SURREY - North Fraser Mountaineers won the gold medal at the Junior Men's Provincial Field Lacrosse Championships last weekend. The Mountaineers' squad is comprised of players from Maple Ridge, Mission, Abbotsford, Aldergrove, and Chilliwack, including Jason Nosek.

After losing the opener 11-8 to Tri Cities on Saturday in New Westminster, the Mountaineers won game two by default, when the New West/Burnaby team could not field the minimum 10 players, and then went on in the third game of the day to upset Vancouver Island 5-4. The playing fields at Mercer Stadium had turned to mud with the heavy rains, and tournament organizers shifted to Newton Athletic Fields in Surrey for Sunday.

The Mountaineers completed their round robin play, edging South Fraser 5-4 after scoring the only goal of the second half late in the game. That clinched a berth in the gold medal game against two time champion and as yet undefeated Tri Cities. The other three teams finished the round robin in a tie with one win each, and a goals for and against formula was used to determine teams for the bronze game.

New Westminster defeated Vancouver Island with a convincing 12-4 win, while the battle on field 2 raged along with the heavy winds. The Mountaineers opened the scoring and led 2-1 after 1 period and 5-1 at half time. The lead increased to 7-2 by the end of three, but the powerful scoring machine came to life and hit for 4 in the fourth quarter. With less than one minute to go, the game was 7-6 in favour of the Mountaineers, who were scoreless in the fourth. Defence remained the key, and the Mountaineers held on to win 7-6 and take their first varsity gold medal.

The Mountaineers placed midfielder Mark Miyashita, goal tender Tom Johnson and team captain and defenseman Jordan West-Pratt on the All Star Team. Tom Johnson was also named tournament MVP. Coaches Dave Peck and Mark Graham were very pleased with the level of intensity displayed by the team, which had brought up nine under age players to fill out the roster for the weekend.

The Junior Varsity, Youth and Mini Youth Provincials will take place at the Mission Sports Park, April 12-13. Admission is free, so come watch Canada's national sport of summer played by B.C.'s best.

Coaches sent back to school

By TRUUS BIRZA

ALDERGROVE - Wildcats Football believes what's good for the kids is good for the coaches, and they put their money where their mouth is. That's why they are sending 18 of their coaches to school. Coaches' school, that is.

Wildcats Football provides quality football for young people aged six through 18 in the Langley area, and they believe that coaches should be qualified to coach. So off to school at the B.C. Lions facility they go, to attend the Coaches' Clinics. The clinics are hosted by Football B.C. and coaches will receive their certification from the National Coaching Certification Program. Some coaches will be attending the Level 2 Clinic, but most will go to the Level 1 Clinic on April 25 and 26. All coaches, like everyone at Wildcats, volunteer their time and talent to work with the young people of our community. Although this is a very large group of people to be sending to a clinic, the Wildcats are willing to send even more, if anyone else is interested in coaching with them for this football season.

All coaches are looking forward to practicing what they have learned at the Wildcats free May 10 and 11 players skills camp, along with ex-Edmonton Eskimo and ex-B.C. Lions players, who will be guest coaching there. Players wishing to register for the free camp, or those who want to attend the Coaches' Clinic, may call the Wildcats at 857-4637 for more information, or visit the Wildcats office in the Aldergrove Mall.

Teams put on great show

By BRENDA GUNNING

LANGLEY - This past weekend marks the end of the 1996-97 season with the Provincial "A" tournament hosted at the Centennial ice complex in Richmond. Fraser Valley Ringette was represented by three teams in the Petite, Junior and Belle divisions. The first games were played Thursday, March 27 with two Fraser Valley teams playing in final games on Sunday, March 30.

Once again the Petite Vipers were victorious, winning all five of their games. Four wins in round robin play began Thursday with a 14-4 defeat of Surrey, followed by a hard fought 10-7 win over league rival Burnaby on Friday morning. Later Friday afternoon, the Vipers were victorious over North-West Van 11-5, and then finished off round robin play and Poco on Saturday afternoon 9-2.

The Sunday final saw the Vipers come up against another familiar opponent, Richmond, who also finished round robin play undefeated. The Vipers played one of their best games of the year, and although Richmond scored first, they were dominated by the Vipers, who ended up winning 7-3. This was the finale to an incredible season for the Vipers, who lost only twice in over 40 games and won four different tournaments including the prestigious Esso Gold Ring in Calgary.

The Belle team managed to get to the final on Sunday with a 3-1 record in round robin play. Victories over North-West Vancouver, Vernon and Richmond qualified the Belles for the final game, in which they came up against league champs Surrey-Delta. The Belles gave it their all but succumbed in the end to the stronger Surrey-Delta in a 8-5 loss to take the Silver medal.

The Fraser Valley Junior "A" team also competed at the tournament and showed well with a 2-2 record; to determine what team was to proceed to the semi-final, the tournament committee used a formula based on goals against. Unfortunately, their goals were not enough to qualify the team for Sunday's game, but the Juniors put forth a good showing nonetheless.

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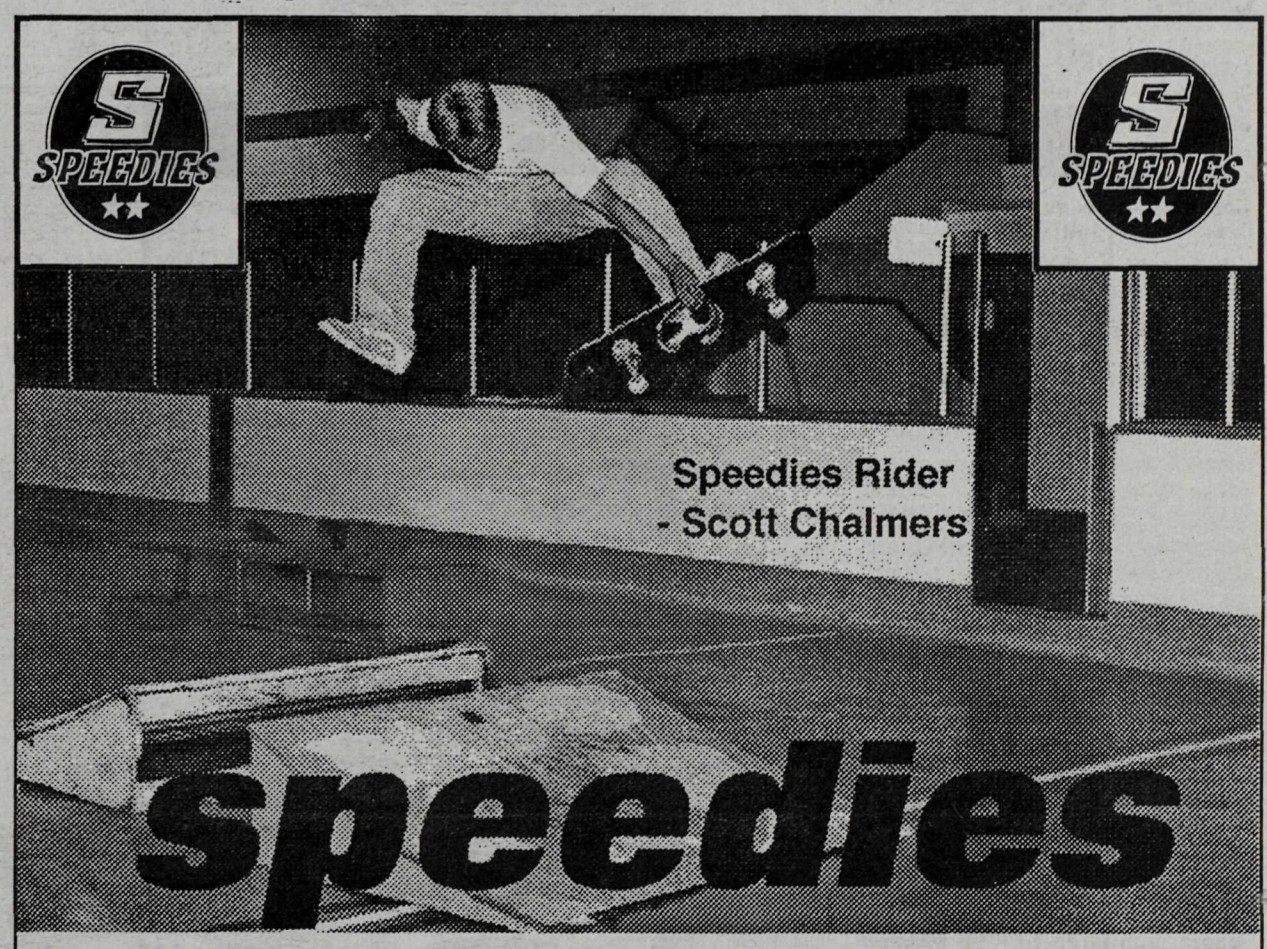

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In a banner week for international sports events, Aldergrove Totems Senior boys' rugby team may have been soundly beaten by the visiting team from Randwick, Australia on April 3, but they took pleasure in posing for a group photo before heading for the showers. -Kurt Langmann photo

Vancouver's Canucks have not enjoyed a great season on the ice this year, but Garth Butcher and Ryan Walters proved they are still a class act by volunteering to come out and hand out team captain awards for the International Friendship Peewee Hockey Tournament, April 3. Tournament winners were the Auckland team, because of their record for least penalties. -Kurt Langmann photo

Charlie Fox was back from Aldergrove Totems rugby's tour of England in time to participate in the friendship tourney. He was pleased to report that Russ Harper is showing signs of improvement after a London road accident, and could be flown back to B.C. within a week.

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Land owner to pay for restoration

LANGLEY - Dr. Jacob Neufeld recently pleaded guilty in Surrey Provincial Court to a charge of constructing works in a watercourse without approval under the provincial Water Act. Neufeld was fined $2,000, the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks announced.

The conviction follows an investigation by ministry staff into the alteration of the headwaters of the Nicomekl River, which runs through the Neufeld property. Neufeld hired a contractor to alter the watercourse.

Judge Lemiski ordered Neufeld to pay $500 to the Crown and $1,500 to the Nicomekl Enhancement Society for fish habitat restoration. The fine is low because of the value of work already done on the Neufeld property to restore damage to the watercourse and fish habitat.

The maximum penalty under the Water Act is $200,000.

Retiring six gave 98

LANGLEY - At its meeting of April 4, Township council recognized and acknowledged six long-term employees, who retired from municipal service during the latter part of 1996, five of whom were able to attend the meeting.

Collectively, these individuals have given 98 years of service to the corporation: Pat Adams, clerical support, Operations, 16 years; Bill Hughes, Supt., Equipment & Buildings, 22 years; Fred Peters, Dep. Director, Engineering, 8 years; Bob Sinclair, Tradesman I, Operations, 25 years; Bill Hoggma, Building Inspector, 10 years; and Dave Chesney, Chief Bldg. Inspector, 17 years;

On behalf of council and the corporation, mayor John Scholtens thanked each past employee for past contributions to the municipality and expressed the Township's appreciation and gratitude for the service they have provided to the community over the years.

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Dan Eldridge, an organizer of the friendship tourney, handed out unique west coast totems as prizes to participating teams at the April 3 ceremonies. He said participants and host families are still recovering from the excitement and busy schedules, but are looking forward to the next one, planned for 1999 in Canberra, Australia.

"I didn't hear a bad report," he said. "Everyone said it was the best tourney ever, anywhere. I'm really proud of my town, and thank everyone who helped out."

The economic spinoffs were huge -- one Australian team brought over $250,000 for restaurants, hotels and spending on equipment. "I took them to Mad Dog's and the tape was literally rolling onto the floor. They said everything was so much cheaper here -- even a pair of on-line skates were $150 less than in Australia."

Eldridge also praised the "lord of the tourney," Mr. Keneiri. "This was all his idea. He's big on cultural exchanges, and the friendship concept is based on the winner having the least penalty points. He's a sedate, polite, demure chap, who surprises you with his sense of humor."

Record numbers donate their feet

VANCOUVER - It was a day of sun, fun and money in five communities in the Lower Mainland. Sunday, April 6 proved to be an incredibly successful day for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, BC Division. A record number of 2,075 gathered at the five Lower Mainland Royal Bank Super Cities WALK/RUN for MS sites: Stanley Park in Vancouver, Semiahmoo Park in Surrey-White Rock, the Seymour Demonstration Forest on the North Shore, Town Centre Park in Tri Cities, and Sumas Elementary in Abbotsford, to join together and donate their feet to charity. After completing their routes the participants enjoyed a great lunch and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

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Langley Antiques Engine Club free show Safeway parking lot, April 19, 9 am-4 pm. 15+17

"Jungle Theme" Come one, Come all! to a fun night at Countyline Elementary School on April 10 from 6 -9 pm. Consession opens at 5:30 pm and ticket sales begin at 5:45 pm. Lots of games and prizes, and lots of fun to be had by all. So please join us for an evening of fun . Everyone is welcome. 15+16

Greenland info night and fund raiser Fri.,April 11, 7:30 pm, Central Heights church, 1661 McCallum Rd, Abbotsford. Money will be raised towards translation of the Jesus Film into the Greenlandic language. 856-0406. 15+16

Aldergrove Seventh Day Adventist church invites you to the first solo piano concert of Pastor Rick Labate on Sat., April 12 at 7 pm. He is winner of 2 US Gospel Music Awards and a selected performer for the World Ministerial Association. To reserve free tickets call 856-5830 or fax 853-1257. 15+16

The regular meeting of Langley Women's Aglow will meet at the ABC Restaurant, 5978 Glover Rd., Langley, at 9:15-11:30 am on Wed. April 16, with guest speaker Christina Williams. Come prepared to join in a "lively" discussion as well. Coffee + muffins are served for a donation, all newcomers are welcome. For info. call Gail 534-5794. 15+16

ASMP provide info. about: exercise, diet, managing pain, how joints work, protecting joints, taking arthritis medications, dealing with stress, depression, and anger, working with your doctor and health care team, evaluating non-traditional treatments, and problem solving. Come out and meet with others who are going through what you are and learn to take control of your disease. These classes fill fast, so call now. For more info.call office at 532-9671, office hours are Tues., Wed.,&Thurs. 9am-3 pm. 15-18

Sellers wanted: Spring Cleaning Swapmeet and Craft sale, Sat., April 26, 9 am-3 pm at Belmont Elementary school gym & parking lot, 20390-40 Ave, Langley. Table rental $15, contact Aromystic, 21697 Fraser Hwy. 530-3000, Donna. Hosted by Belmont Elementary French Immersion Cultural Project. 14+18

Gigantic Flea Market/Craft Fair at Aldergrove Community Secondary School, May 3, 10 am-4 pm. For craft tableand more info, call Joanne 856-2328. 14+19

Indoor Flea Market, Sun. April 20 at Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association, 6918-232 St. Call 888-1262 to reserve your own sales table ($10) or to donate items for the benefit of riding therapy for people with special needs. 12+17

Aldergrove Art Club art show & sale. Art, crafts, plants. Sat., Apr.5, 11 am-4 pm, OAP Hall, 3015-273 St., Aldergrove. Refreshments available by donation. 11+16

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

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

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

140 Community/Coming Events

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

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

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

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

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

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

180 Meetings

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

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 2nd Monday of each month from 1:30-3:30 pm at Langley Senior Resource Centre, 20605 - 51B Ave.574-4381 or 574-4567 for info.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 list of spares or on-call volunteers, call 533-1679. 43+tf

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

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

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

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

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Langley Family Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to "Helping Families Help Themselves". A variety of programs and services, such as counselling, groups and workshops. For 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 Large male dog, looks like shepherd/lab cross. Near high school on 29 Ave. 856-8680. 15+19

Lost Cockatiel. He talks. Reward. 857-9556. 15+19

Neutered male, tan/black lab/shepherd cross? Found 29 Ave. Collar, friendly, docile, good shape. 856-1360. 15+17

$200 reward. Info leading recovery box lost from local moving company storage. Check anyone moved March to June 26, 1996. Contents incl. kitchen (cook books), bathroom items, tools. Not interested recovery of consumables. Reply Box S0263 c/o Aldergrove Star, 3089-272 St., Aldergrove BC V4W 3R9. 13191 15+20

Lost: white Chihuahua/terrier cross dog. Missing since March 11, 1997. Comes to the name of Cody. Area: Lefeuvre Rd. 856-4831. 12+16

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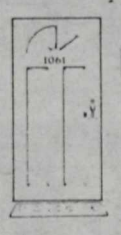
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I'm in tenth grade, willing to baby-sit in your home or mine, have taken the red Cross Baby-Sitting Course, survival courses & Red Cross swimming. Call Liona, 856-5645, County Line School area, will baby-sit anywhere. 29+tf

7 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

710 Business

730 Education

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8 EMPLOYMENT

810 Jobs Available

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10 GARAGE SALES

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10 GARAGE SALES

Final sale Sat. Apr.12, 8 am-4 pm. Kitchen table/8 chairs, bicycles. 28911 Townshipline Rd, Abbotsford. 856-6443. 15+16

Sun., Apr.13 9 am-? 8 hp Sears garden tractor. Bikes. 25087-58 Ave, Aldergrove. 856-0193. 15+16

April 12, 3306-272 A St. Some antiques 8 am-5 pm, weather permitting. 15+16

Multi family garage sale April 12/13, 9 am-5 pm, 25028-59 Ave., Aldergrove. 15+16

Huge multi family yard sale, Sat. Apr.12 only, 10 am-4 pm, no early birds please. 494-256 St. 15+16

11 AUCTIONS

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1270 Livestock Wanted

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Ladies field boots, size 10, never used $100. 856-6877. 12+16

13 PETS & POULTRY

1310 Sale

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14 FOR SALE

1405 Antiques/Collectibles

1410 Appliances

5 cu.ft. freezer, front door opening $100 obo. 856-1905. 14+16

White Hotpoint refrigerator, side by side w/ice/water dispenser $1,500 obo. 856-1266. 13+17

Kenmore washer & dryer, both reconditioned with new belts, pulleys, pumps. Runs excellent. Quiet running. 856-8176. 11+16

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1415 Arts & Crafts

Would you like to learn to paint? Feel you have no talent? Let us show you how. 856-2563. 13+17

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1435 Camera/Photography

1440 Clothing

1445 Computer Equipment

1448 First Aid

1450 Fuel

Big pile of chopped firewood for sale $35 only. 856-7441. 15+19

1455 Furniture

3 cushion floral chesterfield $600. 2 cushion hide-a-bed $250. Student writing desk $50. All excel. cond. 864-0008. 15+18

Belgian oak china cab. 42"H x59"W $550; small 33"H x32"W $295; buffet 50"W x37"H $375. 530-6647. 13+17

1460 Garden/Nursery Supplies

Hedging cedars Smaragds 4'-7', $2/ft. we dig. $1.50/ft. you dig. 856-7565. 15+19

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Tickets and complete package for Caribean cruise, Las Vegas, Disney World, Florida, Cancun Mexico. Must sell due to health. 607-7018 leave msg. 15+19

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16' TV antenna $30. Ladys' 5 speed bicycle $45. 30" range almond like new $200 obo. 888-2312. 15+18

Wooden child's doll house. Offers. Wooden 300 egg incubator. Offers. Both well constructed. 856-8095. 14+18

180 Amp welder, complete w/accessories. Daybed frame $15. 55" x 32" picture in gold frame, offers. 856-0193. 14+16

Generator, Honda brand, new (never used), EM5000SX, electric start $2.199. 856-1634. 14+18

Sony Play Station complete w/Tobal (unopened) and NHL (unopened) and crash Bandicoot $395 obo. 856-7204. 14+18

5' bathroom vanity $45. 10" table saw $285. Items like new. Backyard garden shed. Ernest 530-2800. 14+16

Antique Reno slot machines, 40 years old, perfect working condition (5¢-25¢-$1 units) $2,600 to $3,200. Chuck 530-3146. 14+16

Band saw and 8' tandem disc, both in excellent cond. Call evenings 856-8650. 14+17

Arkla gas barbeque; quart canning jars; fruit & vegetable dehydrater; real old comic books; Kitchenaid dishwasher. 534-9388. 14+17

6' Ivy variety house plant, see to appreciate. 856-9249. 14+16

Aluminum canopy fits long box compact truck $300. 5 hp rototiller 14" rear tiller, as new $850 firm. 504-0109. 14+16

Fisher Price gate $20. White crib/mattress, very good cond. $120. Strollee stroller $50. 588-3538. 14+18

Car Pool riders wanted to Vancouver and back 5 days/week, 8:30-4:30 wk.day, $40 per week. 856-2364. 14+18

For sale: new fireplace mantle $75. 856-1609. 13+17

Toaster oven, works well $15; comfortable gold velour-like armchair, good cond. $20. 856-8451. 13+17

Remote control hospital bed and mattress incl. new 3/1 convoluted mattress. Was $3,050, will sacrifice $1,200. 856-5091. 13+17

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14 FOR SALE

1470 Miscellaneous

Large airtight single door wood burning stove $200. Utility trailer made from 3/4 ton truck $250. 607-7287. 4+tf

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

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1475 Musical Instruments

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1480 Produce

1490 Sporting Goods

Bench press w/misc. weights $65 obo. Exercise bike $45 obo. 857-1118. 14+16

New Wilson Staff mid size irons RH 3-PW. never used. $500 obo. 856-8330. 13+17

1495 Tools

15 WANTED

1530 Miscellaneous

Wanted - Unstained maple or pine baby change table. Please phone 856-6687. 14+18

Old Barbie, Midge, Skipper etc. dolls and clothes for mom/daughter hobby. 604-820-4117. 13+17

Wanted - House plants. 856-0011. 13+16

Standard patio door screen. 856-0323. 12+16

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

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

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16 RENTALS

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16 RENTALS

1660 For Rent

2 bdrm. duplex country setting. Comes with F/S, storage shed, W/D hook up, avail. immed. NS, NP. $650/mo. 856-6227. 15+16

4 or 5 bdrm. basement house w/large yard/garden. 5 appl. NS, NP. $1,150/mo, June 1. 856-6227. 15+17

Small shop 1200 sq.ft., oil heat, 3 phase 220 power 200 amps. 856-7644 leave msg. 15+18

Avail. May 1, large clean 1 bdrm. suite. Seperate laundry, gas FP, sep. ent. 1 parking. NS, NP. $675/mo.incl. utilities/cable. 856-1781. 15+18

1 bdrm. basement suite, close to Tim Horton's. $500 incl. utilities. NP, NS. 856-3716. 15+19

3 bdrm. rancher, quiet area, Abbotsford. Avail. immed. $825/mo. plus share of utilities. 240-1081. 15+18

Aldergrove, 1 bedroom ground level, new home, 2 appliances, share laundry. Private entrance. Suit quiet person. N/P. May 1. $575 incl. utilities. 534-0869 or 607-1177. 13193 15+17

2 bedroom apartment for rent, with ensuite, spacious living area, with appliances. N/P. Avail. May 1. 530-4821 or 535-6262. 13192 15+16

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3 bedroom, cable/hydro incl. if possible, close to all amenities. Need ASAP. William or Stacy 857-1492. 14+18

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1670 Room & Board

Room for rent, available April 15. 856-2284. 15+19

Room & board, NS, quiet rural cul-de-sac. Avail. May 15. $425/mo. 856-8954. 15+19

Bed/breakfast or room/board, Abbotsford area. Close to shopping mall, bus, school, all utilities incl. 853-2600. 13+17

1680 Shared Accommodation

1690 Wanted to Rent

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17 REAL ESTATE

1710 Businesses

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1730 Condos/Townhouses

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Abbotsford, by owner $62,800. 775 sq.ft. apartment, large SD, near malls. Children, some pets okay. Rentable. 856-1767. 12+18

1750 Homes for Sale

Abbotsford. 3 bedroom basement entry home, FP, 5 appl., fenced backyard. Quiet cul-de-sac. $159.900. 856-2566. 12+16

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Life-threatening surgery delay list keeps growing

VICTORIA - The NDP is threatening the lives of patients in this province by forcing them to wait dangerous lengths of time for cardiac surgery, charged BC Liberal health critic Sindi Hawkins, MLA for Okanagan-West.

"Bob Goodgame has now waited a full year for his cardiac surgery," said Hawkins. "Mr. Goodgame's surgery has been booked and canceled five times over the past year - three times since the NDP promised to address the waiting list crisis. It's absolutely unacceptable."

According to the Provincial Panel on Cardiac Care, 12 weeks is the longest a patient should wait for elective cardiac surgery. Bob Goodgame is one of many patients now waiting dangerous lengths of time for cardiac surgery.

"Mr. Goodgame's doctor has told him he is a 'ticking time bomb'", said George Abbot, BC Liberal MLA for Shuswap. "Joy MacPhail was informed about this case and did nothing. She has a chance to prevent a tragedy, but instead is pushing this to the brink."

The NDP sat back and did nothing, while the cardiac surgery waiting list jumped from 365 last March to 500 by December.

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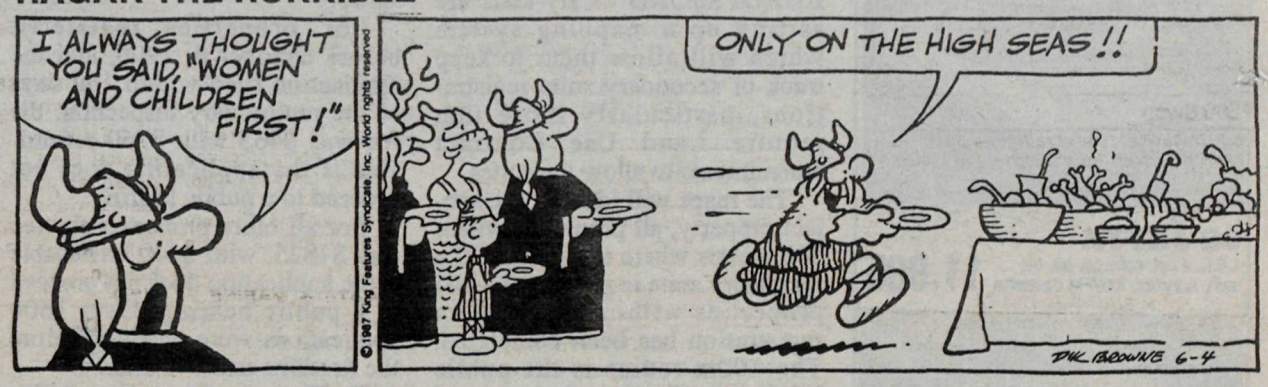

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Minister gets an education

ABBOTSFORD - Human Resources minister Dennis Streifel said he was getting an education, as he met with Trevor Kozak and his boss, Bob Hull at Great Pacific Fire Protection. The minister watched, as Kozak showed him how he makes plans for fire protection systems on the computer. Streifel was clearly impressed with what Kozak was able to do.

Not long ago, Kozak was on income assistance and looking for direction. Today, he is on the job at Great Pacific, taking courses at UCFV, and Tri-Linear Engineering is teaching Trevor to use Computer Assisted Drafting specifically in the Fire Protection Industry. All this is a result of Training Works!: a work-place based training program operated by the Mennonite Central Committee in partnership with several other organizations in the Fraser Valley. The program is designed to help get people off income assistance and give them valuable skills that will secure them a place in the job market. Kozak is a good indication that Training Works! works.

"This is a great thing," Kozak said, "it'll help me along the road to securing my future as a designer."

Dennis Streifel was impressed by both Kozak and his employer, commenting "I like what I see."

Part of the success of the program is the willingness of employers to take a chance on people.

"One of the things I've learned is there's a commitment (on the part of many employers) to take "raw" people," said John Dawson, regional manager for Training Works! in the Fraser Valley. "We need to identify more of these employers."

Hull is a good example of such an employer, although he is quick to point out that this wasn't a decision motivated by charity.

"It helps us and it helps Trevor," he said. "I look back to the people who helped me, and not everybody has that, people need a chance."

Great Pacific Fire Protection was one of several places that Dennis Streifel visited on his tour. His "education" included a meeting with a mother of four from Agassiz, who had been on income assistance for 16 years and is now apprenticing in upholstery. He also visited Zenis Collections, a local manufacturer of wooden collector dolls.

And what will Streifel do with his education?

"I say let's make it work! We (government) need to be able to self-criticize and see what really works," he said. "The last couple of days have been a tremendous education. This is new life here."

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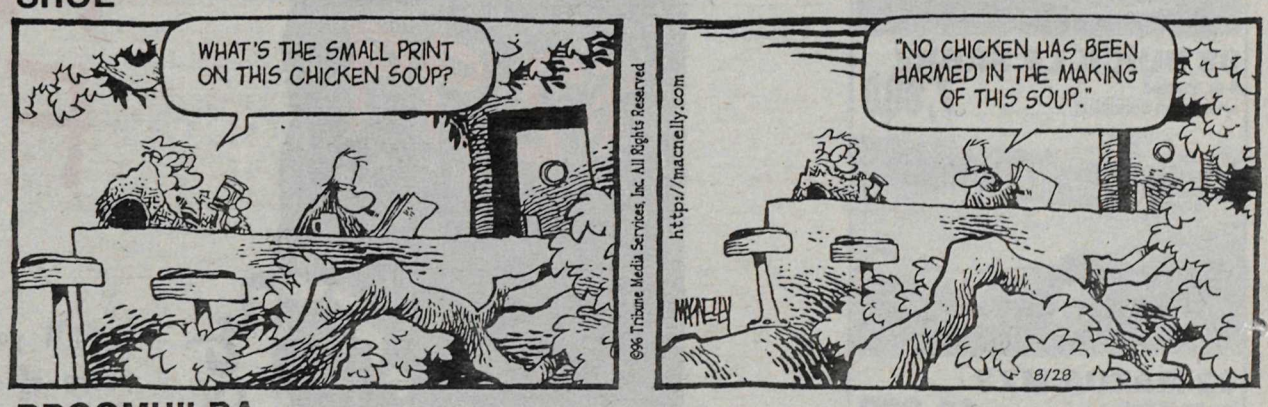

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GVRD levies threaten jobs?

LANGLEY - The burgeoning costs of GVRD sewer service upgrades, and the GVRD's intention to pass along a drastic increase to industrial sewer levies, has Township council concerned.

Coun. Dean Drysdale said he supported "a clean environment and full cost recovery," but worried that a 280 percent increase to industrial users over the next four years might drive jobs out of the province. While this increase would not directly affect Langley industry, he said many residents here work at those who would be affected, such as Labatt's, Roger's Sugar, Intercontinental Packers, Lucerne Foods and Sunrise Poultry.

Drysdale said GVRD policies that favor moving toward clean industry such as software programming were well-intentioned, but not practical "if the GVRD thinks that by tripling sewer rates they'll push us all into software jobs."

Coun. Mel Kositsky argued against rocking the boat, as the current situation leaves "Langley in a favorable position. We could end up at the short end of the stick again."

Coun. Muriel Arnason agreed, saying "people are fair, they know it costs. Otherwise we could be back to overloaded systems."

Mayor John Scholtens said the GVRD does "many wonderful things, but they impact lives. There's been no time to consider the effect on industry," he said, adding that he supports Vancouver councilor Nancy Chiavario's motion that the GVRD look into the effects of its policies on industry before implementing them. He said there were many factors involved, but he didn't want to see others follow the lead of Aldergrove's Kohler's Meats, which closed last year and put over a hundred employees out of work.

At coun. Heather McMullan's suggestion, council will ask the GVRD's sewer department spokesman Hugh McConnell "to come to a council meeting and describe the necessity of the increases." Council has also deferred their support of the proposed GVRD levies.

Abby's suites to be mapped

ABBOTSFORD - City staff are setting up a mapping system which will allow them to keep track of secondary suite registrations, particularly those that require Land Use Contract amendments to allow the suites.

The maps will identify the subject property, all properties within 100 metres where registration of a secondary suite is pending, and all properties within 100m where registration has been completed. The 100m radius is the public hearing notification distance used by the city for land outside the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The fees for LUC amendment applications are also changing.

Originally the fees were based on anticipated costs and charged as an incentive to have people come forward to register their suites.

For properties registered before October 8, 1996, and the application filed within 180 days of the preliminary inspection, the fee was $465 with $250 refundable if the application does not proceed to a public hearing.

For all other properties the fee was $1825, with $440 refundable if the application does not proceed to a public hearing. Over 1600 applications were received before the deadline and 249 after.

Staff's current recommendation to council is to reduce the fee to $820, with $600 refundable, for applications which do not qualify for the $465 fee. This would include LUC amendments for secondary suites on properties not proceeding under the October 8, 1996 program.

What about promises to south? ask delegates

BROOKSWOOD - A huge delegation of residents here were frustrated in not being heard by Township council, Monday evening, when council's regular meeting wound down after 11:30 p.m. However, they have been promised a special meeting of council's planning committee, where the 40 or more property owners can be heard by all of council.

Committee chair, Dean Drysdale apologized to the delegates for not being heard after sitting through the four and a half hour meeting, and suggested the special planning meeting as a forum for airing their grievances over local growth and development issues. One of the delegates, Sue Nicholson said this would be an acceptable solution, as everyone was too tired to talk or listen at midnight. This meeting will be advertised, once a date and location is set.

Two of the delegates were heard earlier that evening, including Mitchell Tough and the president of the South Brookswood Ratepayers' Association, Garry Rowand. Tough took issue with the conclusions of the Township's Growth and Planning Commission, which called for development of the Willoughby-Willowbrook areas before Brookswood-Fernridge, and caused controversy when they were released last year.

Tough said this had pitted Township residents against each other: "There do not have to be losers... if you develop both areas simultaneously, you can drive a harder bargain." He said Brookswood development would have some advantages of its own, especially because provision of sewer service would stop the contamination of groundwater that's primarily been caused by thousands of septic systems in the area.

Rowand said Brookswood's official community plan is now ten years old and they're still "waiting for growth. This raised property values and taxes, and has caused hardships." He credited the Langley Leadership Team dominated council for living up to its election promises of funding more police, the Salmon River pumps, Aldergrove revitalization and water improvement, a Walnut Grove pool, a Willoughby official community plan, and a 208 Street overpass, "but when it comes to Brookswood-Fernridge, oops! The silence is deafening. I want to know where you stand."

Awards night at arts council

LANGLEY - Arts Council special general meeting will be held Wednesday, April 16, at 8 pm in Fort Langley Community Hall. It will feature the presentation of grants, People's Choice Awards from the Langley Originals '97, and a reception following the meeting will honour past presidents of the Langley Arts Council, and presidents of the member groups. Special entertainment will be provided by the ever popular Langley Ukulele Ensemble, directed by Peter Luongo.

Mushrooms

From front...

Coun. Dean Drysdale argued that the Township's planned process, "a nine stage program asks people for input. I hope farms can prosper and people can live here too. I suspect the industry knows exactly what needs to be done."

Mayor John Scholtens said the situation "reminds me of the greenhouse battle. It was a similar process, and we got a bylaw five years later that put an end to the complaints. We'll find ways to create a win-win situation."