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Westbank Treaty Negotiations Reach Fourth Stage

The Westbank First Nation and federal and provincial governments have entered the fourth stage of discussions on treaty negotiations under the BC Treaty Commission process. Negotiators met in New Denver Apr. 30 for Main Table discussions, preceded by meetings Apr. 29 with Lucerne School students and the general public.

At the meeting with Lucerne students, federal negotiator Mike Sakamoto presented an overview of the history of treaty negotiations, and said, "Treaties were used to resolve questions related to ownership and jurisdiction...The aboriginal people were here first. There have been conflicts over jurisdiction rights, resources and land."

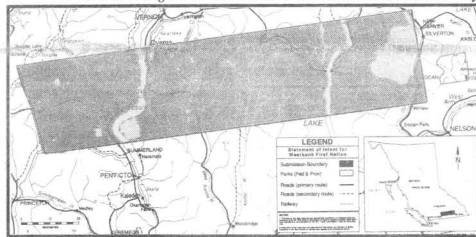
He added that there are economic factors involved now, and illustrated

the point by saying, "Investors may want to invest, but aboriginal title is not clear—who has jurisdiction?, Who has the right and the power?"

Treaties also have a social component, and Sakamoto said, "Our objective is to improve [education and housing]...One way is through treaty settlement that addresses land base and power to govern."

The repatriated Constitution of Canada (1982) "recognizes and affirms" the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada, and the Supreme Court has ruled that once an aboriginal right is found to exist, the federal government must provide a "strong measure of protection" for the rights, and must have valid reasons for infringing on these rights.

Okanagan/Kootenay provincial Area under negotiation at Westbank First Nations as traditional territory.



From Left: Micha Merczer and Tim Raybold, Westbank First Nations representatives; Mike Sakamoto and Wendy Porteous, Federal negotiators.

negotiator Roger Graham added, "The perspective of the Provincial government changed in 1990 [following the standoff at Oka, other demonstrations, and court cases against provincial governments]...a treaty was negotiated with the Niska [which has now reached agreement in principle]."

The treaty negotiation process has six stages: filing a statement of intent; assembling negotiating teams; signing of a framework agreement by the three parties; agreement in principle (it has taken two years to reach this stage in the present negotiations); the final treaty and legal issues—which will probably take another couple of years; and

ratification by all three parties.

Westbank First Nation negotiator Tim Raybold spoke next. "There are 1,500 native treaties throughout the world," he said. "Before non-natives could settle, they needed permission from natives—the treaty. But this never took place in BC. For the last 125 years, natives have been fighting for their rights. We have to look at what native people want."

Westbank Councillor Larry Derrickson added, "Our concern is non-natives living in our community...We do not have revenue sharing, we do not have the same health care. In the case of flooding, outside the native land the provincial government

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Fire & Flood Report

Call this number any time day or night to report a Forest Fire:

1/800-663-5555
OR
*5555 (free)
on a cell phone

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1/888-3FOREST

Initial Attack Crews are now in place at Regional Centres throughout the Kootenays.

The Provincial Flood Response Centre Emergency Telephone (24-hours a day) is:

1/800-663-3456



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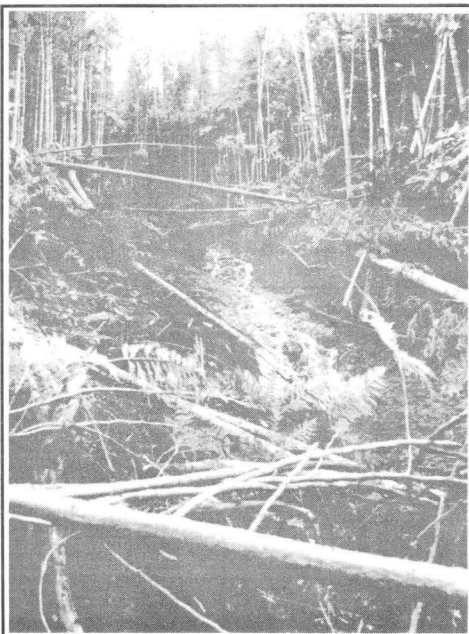
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Denver Flats Slide Dumps Debris on Carpenter Creek Floodplain

On Apr. 27 a major landslide occurred at the base of proposed cutblock #26, just above Lower Mt. Chief Rd. in New Denver Flats. Road Reconstruction/widening of the section of road going through this site was approved and scheduled to begin this year. Cutblock #26 is scheduled to be logged in 1999.

Valhalla Wilderness Society Director and forest technician Craig Pettit visited the site and said it "took out a 16-metre swathe of trees for almost half a kilometre," he said, "dropping 800 ft. in elevation to the floodplain of carpenter Creek. Trees were dumped on the flood plain...and there's a pile of mud about 50 by 50 ft. and five ft. high."

Arrow Forest Dist. Manager for Slokan Valley Planning Ken Gorsline said the slide is on a road section providing access to private and recreational property on a slope above Carpenter Creek, and is in a section rated moderate to high risk in the SFP-contracted Banting Report.

Craig MacIntyre of MacIntyre Woods Geotechnical Engineers, who wrote the 1995 Banting Report, said that although the 1996 report did not refer to required reconstruction on this section of road, the 1995 report did. The road building permit is based on the 1995 report, which, according to both MacIntyre and Gorsline, called for upgrading including a drainage plan, culverts, ditches and reconstruction of road fill where there is visual evidence of slumping.

Hydrologist Al Isaacson, hired by Slokan Valley Watershed Alliance

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A Restart for Recycling



Alpine Disposal and Recycling Manager Dave Lindley (at left in photo) met Thursday, May 8 with New Denver Mayor Gary Wright, RDCK Chair of Waste Management Martin Vanderpol (far right) and New Denver Recycling Society representative Gordon Butt (in centre) to introduce Alpine's recycling service to the community. RDCK recently let the prior contract with Ace lapse, and will sign a six month trial contract with Alpine to service the West Sub-Region. The major factor in the switch is cost—Alpine assured RDCK that they could provide the same service for \$20,000 per year less. The six month trial will give both parties an opportunity to fine tune the service, and if everything is satisfactory, RDCK will contract Alpine to provide the service for five years, at an annual cost of approximately \$126,000.

Alpine will install new six cubic yard front loading bins with locking lids at recycling centres in Nakusp, New Denver, Silvertown, Slokan, the lower Valley and two sites in Castlegar. All the bins will have signs on their fronts identifying what products go in each bin. Users will have to take responsibility in ensuring that all sites meet community needs—and in making sure inappropriate garbage is not dumped at the recycling centres (clean-up of garbage at the centres would result in higher costs).

Alpine may set up a basic processing plant for recyclables from Nakusp, New Denver and Silvertown in Nakusp—or they may stockpile tin, glass and plastic at the Nakusp landfill until a sufficient quantity is gathered before shipping it to Castlegar. A decision has yet to be made on this.

The only acceptable plastic is four litre milk jugs (washed, please). These jugs constitute 70% of the value of recyclable plastic; all other plastics need to be separated out. "It's a matter of economics," said Lindley.

There will be a strong educational component to Alpine's tenure, and Lindley stressed, "We're here to work with you."

Silvertown Recycling Depot has remained open through this transition period, thanks to the efforts of Bill Jones and the co-operation of all Silvertown residents who refused to stop recycling.

New Denver Mayor's Report

A number of residents have expressed to me their pleasure at the continuing improvements to Main St. business buildings. I agree, and would like to pass along thanks to Peter van der Velden and Patty Bossort, Wayne and Theresa Gerow, and Darren and Debbie McCoy for undertaking painting and facade work on their buildings; Bonnie Greensword at the new Valley Voice office, who along with our other merchants are making "Old Main" one of the prettiest streets in the Kootenays.

The Annual Budget presented to Council May 13 included funding for a detailed study of costs to restore/renovate Bosun Hall (\$2,500); a grant-in-aid to the Arena Society (\$26,000) in consideration of losses suffered in the Arena fire; A \$60,000 sidewalk/street program; a \$50,000 dyking improvement program (to be funded 80% by the BC government); and a 2% salary increase for Village staff.

Expenditures will be met by raising an extra \$4,000 overall from property taxes. New Denver also received (this year only) \$13,000 more in provincial revenue sharing grants than it did in 1996.

Municipal Emergency Co-ordinator Bernie van der Kwast has obtained 5,000 more sandbags for use in New Denver/Silvertown should the need arise. The Village already had about 2,200.

Mike Simpson and Wayne Larrimore have now completed the annual disinfection of our water system. Our thanks to them for staggering their work hours to minimize disruption to service while doing this, and to all residents for graciously accepting the temporary inconvenience.

Speaking of temporary inconvenience, RDCK's new contractor will soon have its recycling system in operation. The new location will be at the Arena Site at the corner of Kootenay and Slokan Ave. Like our previous system, these drop-off bins will be unstaffed, but open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will be monitored/serviced three times a week (more often than the previous system). And it is projected to save our Waste Management subregion \$120,000 over the next five years, compared to the previous system.

Mayor Gary Wright

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Silvertown Mayor's Report

At the May 1 Regular Meeting and May 7 Special Meeting of Silvertown Village Council the following business was transacted.

Tour BC Cycling Tour: Plans are coming together to accommodate these cyclists July 1.

Water Supply: With replacement of a valve at Hume and Sixth Streets, pumping hours have been reduced, but are still 25% higher than normal for this time of year.

Plans are being made to replace the old waterline on Hume Lane between Second and Third Streets. Council has agreed to installation of a grey water sewer line in the same area at that time.

Industrial Traffic: With implementation of our Traffic and Highways Regulation Bylaw #339, 1996, there are no designated Truck Routes within the Village. Correspondence continues with provincial ministries and SFP regarding the Silvertown Cr. bridge crossing between Alpha and Leadville Streets. The Village could be in a position to en-

force its Bylaw this summer if no progress is made.

Application has also been made under the Canada/BC Infrastructure Program regarding this situation.

Municipal Emergency Program: Council has met with Co-ordinator Bernie van der Kwast to review resources for creek, dyke and lakefront protection in the event of highwater problems. The Ministry of Environment is monitoring up Silvertown Creek daily to identify any blockage of the creek or its tributaries.

Equipment: An order has been placed for the new loader. Bids are being received for sale of the 1972 loader and the 1981 four-ton truck.

Waste Management: Bylaw #348, 1997 is being implemented to address refuse pickup and tipping fee costs. A meeting is planned with New Denver Village Council to ensure consistency between the Villages on this matter.

Animal Control: The Animal Control Officer will make periodic visits.

Budget: Council has adopted the 1997 Annual Budget in the amount of \$536,261 for General Purpose and \$79,258 for Water Works Operation.

Residential Municipal Tax Rates show only a nominal increase, due mainly to new construction. Commercial Tax Rates have been held at the 1996 level. Transfers to "other Governments" (Schools, RDCK, Regional Hospital) have increased.

The provincial Small Communities Protection Grant has increased for Villages such as ours, which has helped support our decision to hold costs for taxation and waste management. Sometimes it pays to be small.

Silvertown Gallery: Congratulations to the Slokan Lake Gallery Society for hosting the 18th Kootenay-Boundary Regional Art Exhibit. The work and preparation Society members was outstanding, and produced a highly professional and successful program. The Gallery is becoming one of the best (if not the best) in the entire region. Well done!

Mayor Roy Carlson

Nakusp Mayor's Report

It's Pride Week—but we have much to be proud of all year long. This year we are asking each resident to make a difference: Village staff is working on streets and boulevards; Council is raking and cleaning around the Centennial buildings; and as individuals, we can work in our own yards.

Taking pride in our community is not just cleaning up—the people who volunteer and work on boards and committees form our community. Each person involved should feel proud of their commitment, which is so important to the vitality of the Village.

Council: No one has put their name forward to run for Council in a by-election. I hope there are residents who are proud to live in Nakusp and who will commit to help make decisions that affect all our lives. Come forward and make a difference.

Council meets at 4:00 PM the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Committee work is shared; there are two major conferences a year, and some special meetings are called; if you travel on behalf of the Village, your meals and accommodation will be paid, and you will receive mileage. You will receive a

yearly stipend of \$3,256. As a Councillor you will not become rich, but you can be proud of helping to shape Nakusp's future.

Nomination papers are available at the Village Office. The final date for filing is May 16, 4:00 PM. An election will be held June 21.

CBT Symposium: Madeline Green was Nakusp's youth representative to the Apr. Symposium. We are proud of her involvement in discussions and her participation in the presentation to the Symposium. Well done!

Mayor Rosemarie Johnson

Nakusp Council Notes

Staff Report

At the May 8 Regular Meeting of Nakusp Village Council the following business was transacted.

Bylaw #505, Tax Rates: Passed Third Reading, establishing the following rates per \$1,000 Assessed Value—General Municipal \$4.25, Debt \$.09, Hospital \$.33, Regional District \$1.55

Bylaws # 506, 507, 508, 509, and 510: All relating to the 1997 Annual Budget, passed Third Reading

Bylaw #478, Sewer Connection Amendment: Fees for new sewer connections will be \$920 for a 4 in. connection, and \$1,020 for

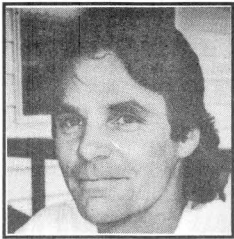
a 6 in. connection. Passed Third Reading.

BC Horticulture, Forest Regeneration Proposal: Council will write a letter of support for the Dieter Thomas/Equine Studies/Kwantlen College/Cobequit Life Sciences Inc. proposal to FRBC for research and development of a somatic embryogenesis technique which is expected to contribute to forest regeneration, and establishment of a training/research/production centre in Needles by Cobequit.

Nakusp Recreation Park: In response to a letter from Gwen Papov protesting the condition of the Park,

particularly "removal of trees and shrubs and the destruction of ground covers... The time has come to begin repairing some of the damage... and to preserving the trees and shrubs that are left," Council will investigate a foliage plan. Additionally, Councillor Woldum volunteered to plant about 50 trees in the park to "fill in."

MOTH Signage Cost Recovery Program: Council will send a letter of opposition to this program, on the basis that it will be too expensive for small businesses (Please see article on Page 3).



Former Chair of Slokan Valley Regional Recreation Commission #8 Bruce McPherson returned from holidays Apr. 12 to find he had been fired from this position. He received a letter dated Apr. 8 notifying him of his dismissal.

He and other volunteer Commission members were dismissed without their knowledge by RDCK Director Eric Nygren at an Apr. 22 RDCK Board meeting.

McPherson commented, "I find it rather appalling... There was no consultation, and I was never contacted by Dir. Nygren." He and the other dismissed members requested that the Board meet with them, and that it

Former Rec. Commissioners Charge Lack of Due Process

rescind the Bylaw changing representation on the Commission. The Board did not accept the request, and tabled discussion on the Bylaw, and McPherson said, "We have never been told why we were fired, or why were denied access to the governing body."

Further, McPherson questions the process. "Even if the process proves legal," he said, "there certainly was no due respect."

The former Commissioners would still like to address the lack of due process in changing the SVRC #8 appointees, an opportunity to meet with the RDCK Board to respond to allegations made by Dir. Nygren concerning the Commission's operations, reinstatement of the Commission as it stood prior to the RDCK Board meeting of Mar. 22, and an apology from Nygren for treating respected, hard working volunteers in his elected area so disrespectfully.

He has asked the Ombudsman's office to look into this matter. "They have given us a file number and they

are accepting our correspondence," he said. "They will look into the Regional District's unfair practices in the release of the Commissioners... I will be seeking legal counsel to look into the legal process."

McPherson recounted that Dir. Nygren "came to a meeting about mid-94 (shortly after commencement of his first term) saying he had a list of concerns given to him over the phone and from conversations with members of the community... We asked him if he could direct those with concerns to us, so we would have something tangible. He said he would do that, but we didn't hear anything... and there was no response from... the community regarding those concerns."

Additionally, in an Oct. 94 letter, Dir. Nygren had requested the names, addresses and phone numbers of people who utilized the services between certain dates in 1993 and 94, according to McPherson. However, the Commission "felt uncomfortable

releasing detailed private information. Nygren said, 'I am the Director, this is public information, and I have a right to it.'... We agreed that he had a right to the number of people, the amount of money and the budget portfolio. We didn't feel we were in the position to give people's names, addresses and phone numbers. Nygren took exception to this and sent a letter back saying it was his right."

Provincial Director of Information and Privacy Elli Jansen said that the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act allow for sharing of personal information "if the Director... is working under authority to gather the information... [but] not if he was acting on his own accord."

When asked if Dir. Nygren requested the pertinent information under the authority of the Board, RDCK Chair Hans Cunningham said, "He was not working under the Board's instructions."

Ridge unit, part of the 342,000 ha. Slokan Valley landscape, does not meet Silva's criteria for a model of ecosystem-based landscape planning... Should you choose to reconsider... we will be pleased to jointly set up terms and conditions that would make such a process work for your government, SFF and the community where the pilot project is located."

Silva and MOF Still Worlds Apart — But at Least They're Talking

Minister of Forests David Zirnelt, MLA Corky Evans and Silva Forest Foundation had been involved for a considerable period of time in discussions about a provincial level joint working group to examine ecosystem-based planning. Silva had initially approached MOF in Nov. 1996 about the practicality and need for ecosystem-based forest use throughout BC, and was interested in implementing it as a model in a forest landscape and a community in BC.

In Mar., MOF offered Silva an opportunity to participate, along with other licensed resource users, in a working group to develop procedures for testing at the landscape unit planning level for an 18,000 ha. section at Perrys Ridge.

Minister Zirnelt's letter to SFF read in part "...The group would identify aspects of your planning approach which could be applied on the ground within the context of the FPC... develop a landscape unit plan and operational plans involving logging and access. These draft plans would be submitted to public meetings for local input... Regional

and district staff support many of the management practices that you are advocating..." He stressed that "With respect to your overall planning approach... it was clear... that it would involve sweeping changes to legislation, the timber tenure system, the roles of provincial and local governments in social, economic and environmental decision-making and the flow of revenue to the province. Because of the tremendous impacts these changes would have... I cannot accept your overall planning approach in concept without first offering you the opportunity to put aspects of it into practice on a smaller scale."

In a May 1 letter to the Slokan Valley Watershed Alliance, Zirnelt said, "I was limited to deferring planning activities in the Slokan Valley to a smaller area, due to existing commitments. However, I feel that my offer to work in the Perrys Ridge area was a significant commitment by government, due to the effect it would have had on both the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program and a portion of SFP's

licence area... my commitment to work with SFF and licenced resource users... was an excellent starting point, and could have served to promote more productive working relationships in the future..."

By May 7, the date the MOF offer expired, Silva had declined the offer, and in a letter to Minister Zirnelt explained, "...one of the key elements of ecosystem-based planning is that it works to develop solutions with the community... SFF does not represent groups or individuals in the Slokan Valley... and therefore has no authority to accept or reject an offer to carry out planning for Perrys Ridge or any other specific area... We regret that you believe it is not prudent to implement ecosystem-based planning at a regional level... ecosystem-based planning leading to sustainable forestry needs to be applied to relatively large areas... so that planners can define a mix of forest uses across a landscape, identify areas that need to be reserved and corridors to connect these reserves, and maintain the mosaic of vegetation types over the long term... the Perrys

**Village of Silverton
Notice to Residents**

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Village of Silverton has contracted Animal Control effective immediately. Any dogs found running at large will be impounded according to Bylaw No. 275, 1990.

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New Denver to Vernon
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6 AM New Denver
7:20 AM Kuskanax Lodge
7:45 AM Burton
8:10 AM Fauquier
8:45 AM Edgewood Junction

ARRIVES VERNON 10:45 AM
LEAVES VERNON 3:15 RETURN

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- Castlegar
- Central Kootenay
- Fruitvale
- Kaslo
- Kootenay Boundary
- Nelson
- Robson
- Thrums
- Trail
- Warfield

The Disaster Financial Assistance Program is administered by the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP).

It provides funds to replace or restore items essential to a home, livelihood, or community service.

There is a \$1,000 deductible with 80% of the balance – to a maximum of \$100,000 – payable to the claimant.

Home owners/renters, small businesses, farm operations and charitable organizations are all eligible for assistance.

Disaster Financial Assistance does not cover lost or damaged property for which insurance is available. Claims will only be considered for uninsured losses.

If recent flooding caused damage to essential items, and you feel you might qualify for assistance, please pick up an Intent to Claim form from your regional district/municipal/village office, or a Government Agent's Office. Please submit the completed form as soon as possible, **but no later than July 25, 1997** to:

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Phone: (250) 387-5956 Fax: (250) 952-4888

Provincial Emergency Program

It's Going to Cost You Money

Effective May 1, the BC government will begin recovering costs for service and attraction business name signs on BC highways.

The blue and white signs cost over \$1 million per year and have been provided by MOTH free of charge for seven years. The cost recovery program will affect business name or logo signs only. It will not apply to generic symbol signs that advise motorists of available services, such as food or lodging. Enterprises not currently eligible for signs, such as artisans and B&Bs with fewer than four rooms, will not be affected by the changes. Registered non-profit societies are also exempt.

Fees will run from \$100 for installation if the business supplies its own acceptable manufactured sign to \$200 if MOTH has to fabricate the signs, plus a \$250 annual fee (which covers sign maintenance and replacement costs) for each sign. Business owners can contact their local District Highways Office for more information.

Regulation of Herbs Put on Hold

The Federal Ministry of Health announced that an advisory panel will be established to provide advice on the regulatory framework for herbal remedies in response to concerns expressed by consumers and practitioners regarding regulation and accessibility to herbal remedies.

The panel will advise on issues relating to the appropriate regulatory framework for herbal remedies, including licensing, cost recovery, and consultation with stakeholders. National consultations are expected to take place in the fall.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
 As outgoing Pres. of Slocan Lake Gallery Society (aka *the Gallery*) I would like to thank the many people who have made that position one of great satisfaction. The Gallery is a priceless addition to the quality of life in our area and it is wonderful to see how people value and use it.

We've done a multitude of things over the six years I have been involved. Thanks to a \$3,500 grant from the now defunct Economic Development Commission, we were able to hire a summer director, and mount several shows including the *Valley Best*. Our efforts in the visual arts culminated in the recent regional juried art show and conference which was such a success. Besides the visiting authors, the slide shows, the classes, the music, the dances, the parties and just wonderful, simple folksy hijinks—we also have the start of a wonderful theatre season this summer.

I leave feeling very good with what we have done. We are financially sound, there is wonderful new energy on the Board (and always room for more), and we have dreams of the future. Our Silverton Gallery is truly a splendid community creation in which we may all take pride.

Lorna Obermayr
 New Denver

To the Editor:
 A (balanced and diverse) gathering of Neighbours Meet to Find Common Ground (Valley Voice May 1) for whom? These Neighbours strive to: "build bridges between differences" when these Neighbours clearly state that "none of us are preservationists." Hmm...is my math wrong or does 4+4 not equal 6?

Included in their monthly discussions on issues such as logging and jobs, the Neighbours also discuss "water protection." Such a daunting task these Neighbours have: water protection without water preservation. Another Hmm...is warranted here. (Bantam dictionary: preservation—to protect). Either the Neighbours "sustainable living consultant" (who is one of the Neighbours' diverse representatives) is not being given enough time to consult with his/her fellow Neighbours, or else he/she has Royal blood—the word *figurehead* comes to mind.

One more thing dear Neighbours. Remember your vow of non-preservationist when you are hiking through Valhalla Park or simply gazing at its immense power and beauty. Oh, oops, right, you forgot, Valhalla Park is brought to you by Valhalla Wilderness Society—gosh, could they be *preservationists*?!
 Sharron Herbert

To the Editor:
 It is gratifying to see the *Valley Voice* and Antoinette Halberstadt undertake the somewhat daunting task of providing some aid in following the ongoing debate concerning land use in the Valley. What do they mean, indeed!...

When attempting [to] define clearcut...the Valhalla Society has offered some explanation of what they consider to be [a] clearcut...The logic which declares shelterwood and seedtree to be virtual clearcuts is proper for the most part. Although shelterwood does partially modify the post-harvest conditions...the

technology is best suited to even-aged forestry and will usually lead to a later cut [to] remove all, or almost all, of the mature trees. I have little argument with their position on these points.

However... "what about a four hectare shelterwood cutblock?" Is anything meaningful conveyed by referring to this as a clearcut?...does a four hectare seedtree cut with wildlife reserves meet the conditions of...a clearcut?...this outmoded debate...is ill suited when speaking of current site preparations...most cutblocks are largely modified from the clearcuts of 10 years ago. Some

form of live tree retention is practiced on almost all sites.

Having successfully demonized clearcutting, with the help of a highly uncritical media, groups like VWS are slow to give up the propanganda value of speaking of BC forestry in terms...loaded with derogatory connotations.

It is time to take up the proper terms...The next time one finds oneself wondering "What do they mean when they say..." it is wise to consider the source.

Terry Erickson
 Kaslo

To the Editor:
 We relayed a message of solutions, not confrontations, to over 1,000 people on a Coastal Outreach Tour in Victoria and Vancouver during a week in April. With over \$4,000 worth of items we created from a single cedar tree, our message was obvious—we can create more with less.

We held a sustainability rally on the steps of the Legislature, marched with 100 supporters through the streets of Victoria, and held two benefit slide show/presentation/dances.

Corky Evans seemed impressed by our achievements, yet ambivalent to our continued concern of the corporate agenda over community values. He reiterated his debatable belief that the FPC will protect us. I shuddered when he said another government could eradicate the discretionary Code. Assurances for the future walk a fine line indeed.

I do not wish to see this valley become the Clayoquot Sound of the Interior this summer.

We all feel equally legitimate concerns and fears of the future. I see

the corporate agenda returning profits to its distant shareholders. I understand that community controlled resources would help keep wealth in our neighbourhoods. The future is built on the choices we make today. The Silva Forest Foundation offers a work in progress model to facilitate a future of economic abundance and ecological integrity. This is our chance. The world is watching.

Ricardo Hubbs
 Winlaw

To the Editor:
 An article printed in the May 1 edition of the *Valley Voice* entitled "Neighbours Meet to Find Common Ground" was credited to Jo Brown. In fact the original article was written by several people and edited by the Common Ground group in a consensus process. Jo Brown graciously agreed to rewrite it under time pressure in order to meet the length requirements of the paper. In printing the article an important section was edited: the names of the people in the core group of Common Ground. This is who we are: Len Block, Tom Bradley, Jo Brown, Dave Buller, Gary Burns, Judith Ceroli, Beryl Clayton, Bernie Clover, Clair Dicken, Habib Gonzales, Antoinette Halberstadt, Angie Hawe, and George Perriere.

Judith Ceroli
 Winlaw

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SILVERTON GROCERY

May Day Weekend Specials May 15-16-17

BICKS RELISH \$1.89 375g	SMART CHOICE KETCHUP \$1.89 1L
NIAGARA FROZEN ORANGE JUICE 99¢ 341ml	12-PACK COKE \$3.99
FRITO-LAY CHIPS \$1.09	FRESH GROUND BEEF \$1.79 lb
HOT DOG OR HAMBURGER BUNS \$1.49 bag	WATERMELON 49¢ lb
ROMAINE LETTUCE 69¢ ea	KRAFT MARSHMALLOWS \$1.99 400g

Rib Steaks~Corn on the Cob~Chuck Steaks
 Cold Meats~Salads~Cheese

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 19

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24-hour a day Emergency Telephone:
1/800-663-3456

Sinixt Representatives on Speaking Tour to Educate People and Dispel Myths

by Mary Wagner

A small group of members of the *Coalition of Supporters for the Sinixt People* (CSSP) have been touring this area, speaking in schools and halls, educating all who are interested about the Sinixt.

The group consists of Marilyn James (in photo at right), appointed spokesperson of the Sinixt; Robert Watt, appointed Caretaker/Guardian of the ancient Sinixt village and burial grounds in Vallican; and CSSP members Jaqueline Heywood and Marilyn Burgoon.

The Sinixt, a semi-nomadic people, existed in this area "since time immemorial," according to studies by archaeologist Gordon Mohs. Their traditional territory was at one time largely centred on the Arrow Lakes, spanning from south of Kettle Falls, Washington to north of Revelstoke, west to the Monashee and east to the Rockies.

"Over 95% of known Sinixt sites on Arrow Lakes have been destroyed," said James. "We can't protect all the sites, but we're hoping for an opportunity to preserve what's

left. The non-native community is beginning to realize we're not going to threaten their properties. They're beginning to realize (by our actions) that we have integrity."

Robert Watt was born on the US side of the border, and has been arrested and deported three times by Canadian authorities. For the last six years he has been involved with a court case, declaring that his people *do* exist, and that they have a right to be within their traditional territory on both sides of the border. The case is presently awaiting a date to move to the Federal Appeals Court.

James commented, "As a transborder people, we have a traditional right to be on both sides of the border...the US recognizes the Sinixt." The Canadian government declared the Sinixt extinct in 1956, but Federal Minister of Indian Affairs Ron Irwin stated in a letter to Heywood, "They never ceased to exist as a tribal group."

Watt said, "The case is still in court, but provincial authorities are not pressuring me to leave. I think



it's going as well as can be expected."

James was appointed spokesperson by the Elders in 1991. The first priority of her mandate is repatriation and reburial of Sinixt skeletal remains; the second is protection of the environment, cultural sites and resources necessary for survival. To this end, the Sinixt have been extensively involved with environmental work, CORE, the UN, MOF, MOTM, museums, etc, and plan to visit more schools to let people know they are *not* extinct, and to dispel myths and misinformation about native people.

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Kootenay Lake School Board Sets Budget for 1997/98

submitted by Margaret Ormond, Board Chair

The Kootenay Lake #8 School Board, at its public meeting on Apr. 28, approved final reading of its provisional budget for the 1997/98 school year. In order to balance the newly amalgamated district's budget of \$51,183,437 trustees discussed cuts totalling \$586,066.

Staffing cuts appear to be minimal and will include in part the 4.4 FTE reduction of central office staff due to amalgamation downsizing. The majority of the reductions will lead to decreases in travel, supplies and business related costs. Budget details for 1997/98 reveal that the Board intends to underspend the Ministry of education targeted budget in the area of administration for SD #8.

Trustees are not able to finalize budget allocations for 1997/98 until the end of Sept. 1997 when actual district wide enrollments are determined throughout the province. However, at this time, it would appear that the impact of reductions will have a minimal effect at the classroom level.

Literacy and the Information Age

by Margaret Raymond

As a result of a recent study by Canada's National Literacy Secretariat, it is estimated that 43% of Canadians do not possess adequate literacy skills.

How can this be true in one of the most developed nations in the world? The definition of literacy has changed—to be literate in today's complex world, a person must be able to access, read and use relatively complex information. As we zoom into the *information age*, struggles intensify for people who cannot do this.

Studies suggest that adult literacy levels affect employment security, mental well-being, physical health, civic involvement and the success of children in school. One of the most disconcerting findings in the Canadian literacy study *Reading the Future: A Portrait of Literacy* was that "adult education and training programs are less likely to reach those with low skills because most training goes to those with high skills."

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Literacy BC Supports Local Programs

by Mary Wagner

On Apr. 29, Literacy BC Executive Dir. Linda Mitchell and Nakusp Regional Literacy Co-ordinator Jennifer Cliff-Marks spoke at a round table discussion in Nakusp to explore and discuss results of the seven-country 1995 International Adult Literacy Survey and the 1989 Canadian Survey of Literacy Skills Used in Daily Activities, which indicated that over 40% of working age Canadians have some degree of difficulty with reading and writing.

Mitchell said, "Literacy is not just an economic issue. It also affects social issues such as health, justice and safety."

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Entries from over 50 artists throughout the area filled both the exhibition space and the newly re-painted performance hall of Silverton Gallery for the 18th Kootenay-Boundary Art Exhibit and Conference. Paintings, sculpture, beadwork, fibre art, photography, mixed media pieces—the combined artists stretched the traditional definition of "fine art" to include media not commonly encountered in this type of show.

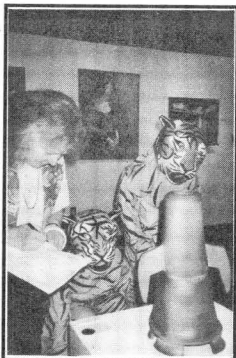
The spectrum of vision, media and execution was quite stunning—variety exhibits can generate a tangible excitement from the juxtaposition of styles and visual vocabularies represented by the many different artists.

Jurors Eli Bornstein (University of Saskatchewan) and Courtney Anderson (Kootenay School of the Arts) applied their thought and experience to select 11 Jurors' Choice and four Merit Award winning pieces from this exhibit to comprise a stellar



On Sunday, a series of arts-related events were scheduled for downtown New Denver, including children's art workshops, displays, and several hours of outdoor performance by a wide sampling of performers...a poetry reading by Barbara Wejr, the Lucerne Super Ukes, music from the Pretensions, Wren and friend, Gord Prop and Michael Dorsey, a string quartet led by Miranda Hughes, and more. Although the weather was often uncooperative, there were enough non-rainy moments to satisfy the participants and draw a crowd up and down Main St. to experience some dynamic art and performance in the midst of the community's daily life, thanks to the vision of Anne Malik, Bruce Cottingham and Morgen

Bardati. All in all, the three-day celebration was dynamic and successful. The exhibit has been attended by over 500 people, including three school groups.



travelling exhibition which will show at Nakusp, Castlegar, Kaslo, Trail, Grand Forks and Nelson throughout the summer.

Along with the Exhibition, Gallery Society members Lorna Obermayr, Elly Scheepens, Barb Yeomans and Gordon Butt, assisted by Steve Lones and Dina Poohachoff, organized a three-day conference which included workshops, studio visits, talks and commentaries, as well as critiques and commentaries by the jurors, and a Saturday evening gala opening for the Exhibit (attended by over 200 people).

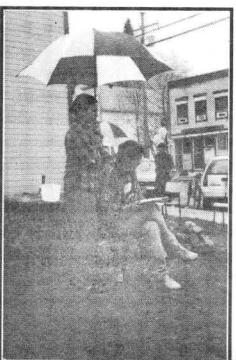


Jurors' Selections:

- Thru My Window*, Photograph of a Comet, mixed media by Virginia Brown
- Spirit of the Rainforest*, watercolour by Glyn Humphries
- Brain Waves*, mixed media by Elly Scheepens
- Homeward Bound*, oil by Garth Low
- Untitled (Big Music #6)*, watercolour by Mary Weller
- Day Lilies*, mixed media by Andrew D. Harris
- Rain*, oil by Laurie Dinter
- Zodiac Bags*, glass seed beads by Karen Kendall
- Cedar Bark Hat*, cedar bark by Val Chartrand
- Mayan Figote Self-Portrait*, woodfired stoneware by Stephen Cooke
- Spun Out in the Kootenays*, hand spun/dyed wool by Bipsy MacDonald

Merit Awards:

- The Tyranny of Work*, metalwork triptych by Brent Bukowski
- Chinese Lanterns*, watercolour by Phyllis Margolin
- Box*, wood by Andrej Arajs
- Old San Remo*, photograph by Patrizia Menton



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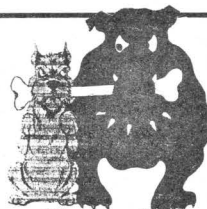
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Making the CBC An Election Issue

Peter Gzowski's CBC Radio show *Morningside* will end May 30, three days before the federal election. Not so coincidentally, the show is ending permanently because of budget cuts the Liberal government made to the CBC.

We're losing Vicki Gabereau because of budget cuts—Shows such as *Sunday Morning*, *Now the Details*, *Tapestry* and *Writers and Company* are either being cancelled or collapsed into something else yet to be announced—We're likely to lose all local CBC programming on week-ends.

The list goes on and on. And all of this since the Liberal Red Book promised a government committed to stable, multiyear financing for national cultural institutions such as the Canada Council and the CBC.

Since that promise, the government has slashed CBC's funding by \$379 million, outdoing even Preston Manning's 1993 promise to cut CBC by \$350 million.

And unless we speak up, the cuts will go on and on until we lose CBC.

Many people heard Gzowski's four-hour *Red River Rally* broadcast May 2. Because of that broadcast

alone, Canadians donated \$1 million to flood victims in Manitoba. Canadian musicians and writers donated their talent; CBC employees worked frantically, and *Morningside* made it happen.

This is what we stand to lose, folks. Our voice. Our sense of Canada and who we are as a people. And we just can't lose that.

I don't know about you, but I

submitted by Rita Moir, Co-ordinator, Friends of the CBC, Kootenay West/Okanagan

considered sitting out this election—there have been too many elections to work in, and I'm too tired. But then I went to a *Friends of CBC* meeting and said, *no, I care too much for this country. I care too much for the CBC. I'm getting involved in this fight.*

Please, make the cuts to CBC an election issue in your community. Put every candidate and their party to the test. Go to election forums and

ask the Liberal candidate why his party broke its promise. Ask every candidate if they will vote to restore funds to the CBC. Put a *We're voting CBC* sticker on your bumper or your political lawn sign.

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Street Art Raises Money for Gallery

Community spirit, allegiance to the place we all call home, has made possible a donation of \$138 to the Slokan Lake Gallery Society.

On behalf of the artists, stumpsters, performers, entertainers, spectators, community members and volunteers who celebrated the arts in New Denver on May 4, the proceeds from the willow chair raffle tickets were presented to the Gallery Society at their AGM; Barra McNeil was the lucky winner of the willow chair.

Organizers Morgen Bardati, Bruce Cottingham and Anne Malik extend their thanks to everyone who participated and made this day happen.

Valley Performers and Merchants Send Money to Manitoba

Local musicians contributed their time and talent to Slokan's Saturday evening *Manitoba Flood Relief Benefit Coffeehouse*, providing entertainment for those who came to show their support. New Denver, Silvertown, Slokan Valley and Nelson merchants were also very supportive of the event, contributing doorprizes and raffle items. SFP made a substantial cash donation. The hall was donated by Slokan Seniors; concessions baking was contributed by many community members.

Organizers of the event would like to thank all those who contributed their time and enthusiasm to this very worthy cause, and to those who attended and donated so generously to this effort to raise \$864.06.

Performers and merchants included: *Valhalla Country*, Jeremy Hird, Larry Posnikoff of *the Nerve*, Michelle Hird, Dee and Alf, Andrea Hird, *the Spears*, *Wildflower Country*, Mountainberry Foods, Motherlode Books, Valhalla Inn, Silvertown Grocery, Home Hardware, Lemon Creek Lodge, Hungry Wolf, Georama, Overwaitea, G. Willikers, Slokan Eldorado, Gene Hird, Rocky's Restaurant, Mistaya Lodge, Johnny's Bakery, Elaine Brody, Wildflower Music, and Libra Accounting.

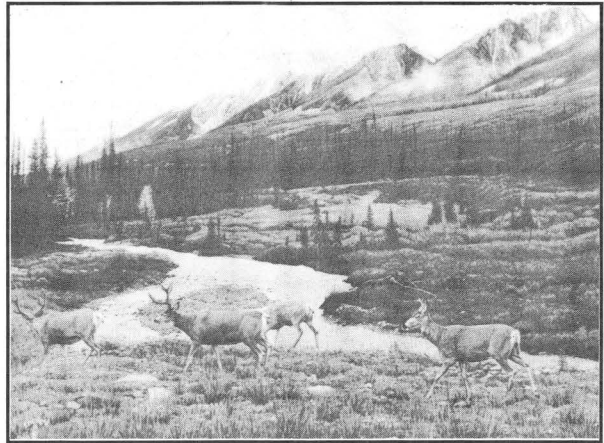
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Women's Health Conference Reviewed

by Mary Wagner

The May 3 *Women's Wellness Conference* in Nakusp was attended by over 60 people interested in the various aspects of women's health issues being discussed.

Workshops gave participants an opportunity to explore numerous issues and alternatives women face today, covering subjects as diverse as Self Defense, Financial Planning, and Caring for Elderly Parents.

In her Keynote Address on *The Transition to Menopause* Dr. Suzanne Montemuro reviewed some of the common symptoms and talked about ways to alleviate them, such as eating a diet high in calcium, vegetables and phytoestrogens (from beans and grains) and low in fat, caffeine and alcohol, plus exercise and relaxation techniques.

She discussed hormone replacement therapy and said, "in cases of early menopause, a woman might take hormones till she is 50...the way we use hormones is with very low levels compared to how the body produced them before menopause...hormones keep changing as you go through life"

Dr. Carmen Jadick presented valuable information on *Breast Disease and Breast Cancer*, saying, "Lots of women have breast pain—about 7% will have cancer, the rest will have fibrocystic changes which affect 80% of women...and are very rarely malignant...The triple test of physical exam, needle biopsy and mammogram is 95% accurate (for diagnosis)...and studies show that lower levels of unsaturated fats and evening primrose oil (linoleic acid) have proven to be beneficial." She said she would only prescribe Bromocriptine and Danazol "as a last resort," because of side effects such as weight gain, seizures and strokes.

She acknowledged that there is disagreement over whether mammography is beneficial for women under 50. "The tests just don't work that well on younger women," she commented. "Women over 50 should get it done every year or so... [however] if your grandmother had breast cancer at 50, and your mother had it at 40, you should consider screening at 30."

She reviewed the common breast

cancer risk factors such as age and family history, and indicated that there may also be other factors such as diet, hormone replacement therapy and viral infections.

Both Dr. Montemuro and Dr. Jadick suggested that if you choose alternative therapies, you should learn all you can about them, including side effects, try only one herb or remedy at a time, take the smallest amount needed to control symptoms, and if you are taking prescriptions drugs, let your physician know what alternatives you plan to use.

The Conference was organized by Dr. Diana Kelland, Chris Faint of Selkirk College, Barb Chwacka at Arrow Lakes Hospital, Linda Nero from Public Health, Heather Dennill at School Dist. #10, Elaine Lindsay from the Osteoporosis Society, Judie Blakley, Valerie Bristowe and Kelly Gormley. They would like to thank the Hospital Auxiliary, the speakers and School Dist. #10 for all their assistance, and the community for its support.

Planned Parenthood Clinic To Open in Nakusp

A Planned Parenthood clinic will open at the Central Kootenay Health Clinic in Nakusp by the end of May. Volunteer clinic staff are currently receiving training from Sharon Thomson and Faye Bebb of the Planned Parenthood Assoc. of BC (PPA/BC). School, church and community groups have been working for over a year to organize this project, which received official status in Jan.

PPA/BC Executive Director Marcena Stewart Croy said, "Funds were available to open branches in rural communities. There are issues of accessibility, plus a high teen pregnancy rate. Nakusp has one of the highest pregnancy rates in BC."

Croy indicated that one-half of Planned Parenthood clients are under 20 years of age, and said, "...when

there is a teen pregnancy, the girls are unable to complete their education, and that leads to low income."

She said, "World Health Organization studies indicate that sex education does not lead to earlier sexual activity—it does lead to using protection the first time a teen becomes sexually active, or delaying becoming sexually active."

School Dist. #10 representative Janice Palmer said, "Parents have the option in school to remove their child from classes dealing with sex education...when they come to making choices, we need to give them all the information."

The clinic will provide access to a full range of birth control methods, educational materials, and one-to-one counselling. Croy said, "We would

like to encourage males and couples to seek information. Birth control is not a women's issue—it takes two people to have a pregnancy."

In addition to birth control information, the clinic, which will always be staffed by a nurse with a doctor readily available, will provide information on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and HIV. People will be referred to Public Health for tests.

Croy stressed that "What happens in the clinic is confidential!"

Funding for the clinic, which costs about \$10,000 to set up, came from donations, memberships, fundraising bingos and casinos, and a two-year government project. PPA/BC is a private, non-profit organization with charitable tax status.

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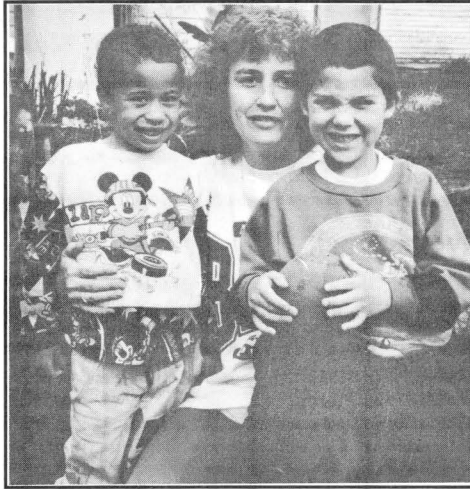
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McLean Tries to Get Other Children Returned to Home

Cheryl McLean is still dealing with the loss of her 10-year-old daughter Katie Lynn Baker, from Rett's Syndrome last May 28. Katie Lynn's death resulted in a Coroners inquest which is scheduled to resume May 12. The inquest will likely last another two weeks.

Soon after Katie Lynn's highly publicized death, four Social Workers connected with her were suspended and later reinstated. One has since retired.

Five months after Katie Lynn's death, and just before the Coroners inquest was to commence in Nov., a Judge supported the move on the part of the Ministry of Children and Family Services to remove the five remaining children. Three-year-old Shaman and five-year-old Josh were placed in a foster home.



From left: Shaman, Cheryl, Josh

McLean feels this move was political, and asked, "If they were so concerned about the children, why didn't they take them when Katie died? Why did they wait until just before the inquest?"

The Ministry had also requested a psychiatric assessment of the family, which was not supported by the Judge. "Of course the children would be under stress," said McLean. "They had just been removed from the family home. The Judge agreed to an evaluation on me, limited to the effects that stress had on my parenting ability."

In mid-Apr. two evaluations were done—one on behalf of the Ministry and one at McLean's request.

Part of the Ministry's psychiatric evaluation by Dr. Semrau reads, "The issue has been raised as to whether or not Ms. McLean harbours tendencies to infanticide. To some extent the answer to that question is subject to conclusions of the inquest. Regarding my own direct assessment of Ms. McLean, I have found no basis whatsoever for such a possibility. It is of course one thing to have a general propensity to kill children and another thing to make certain choices with the outcome of a child's death when the child has a very serious life-threatening disease...Her abuse score is...typical of non-abusive female subjects...Ms. McLean is well below the score [indicating risk for child abuse]." Dr. Semrau categorized her as "statistically unlikely to engage in significant child abuse in the future..."

Neither past history nor current mental status examination demonstrated any evidence of any major mental illness."

During this time, visitation to the boys by the rest of the family was very difficult. "I was working and the older children were in school," said McLean. "We only had 20 minutes a day, up until two days after Christmas, for the whole family to talk to the boys. In late Dec. or early Jan. we had to go to a judge to define access. The judge's decision allowed us to get access on Saturdays." By this time the boys had been moved to another foster home.

On May 5, the court ordered that the children be returned, and immediately thereafter the Ministry phoned and started negotiating the children's return. They requested six months supervision, allowing total access by the Ministry Monday through Friday. However, McLean made a counter request of two months supervision, because six months would take the family beyond the anticipated completion of the inquest. Had the Ministry fought this, McLean said, "I would have proceeded to trial," and brought suit against the Ministry.

Supervision will continue for two months, unless the inquest continues. In that case, supervision will continue until the end of the inquest, and that the Ministry must have a children's advocate present when speaking with the children.

McLean raised another question

about the Ministry's actions, which she views as "politics, and an abuse of power." She asked, if the Ministry is so concerned, why haven't they offered any assistance to the family? She said, "They haven't offered any services to the family, not even daycare during the inquest. I've seen no respect from any of these people—for my daughter, in life or death."

Ministry Regional Operating Officer for Children and Family Services Lou Violini confirmed that the Ministry requested a psychiatric evaluation with references to any psychological problems affecting McLean's parenting skills. He said, "We needed to ensure that there was not something there we were missing. And we needed to ensure the children's safety."

Regarding why the children were seized five months after Katie Lynn's death and just prior to the Coroner's investigation, Violini responded, "The Ministry had an ongoing assessment of information, and... concerns they had to act on. It was unfortunate for Cheryl that it was at the same time as the inquest. The Judge supported the Ministry at that time."

And in answer to McLean's question about the lack of ongoing assistance to the family, he responded, "Cheryl has been determined to be a capable parent, so our role has diminished. However, I don't know what assistance has been offered through the income assistance side.

New Denver Hospice Society Reviews Accomplishments

by Elizabeth Carlson

At the New Denver Hospice Society AGM Apr. 29, Society Pres. Nancy Guise reported that this has been a great year for expanding Hospice awareness in the community.

Hospice Palliative Care began here in 1993, and now has 10 active volunteers, who over the past 15 months have given 279 hours of direct service to clients, plus attended workshops and meetings.

Hospice has been funded by the Closer to Home program, and by local donations and memberships. The

Society has communicated with the office of the Minister of Health to clarify future funding under the new Community Health Care Services.

Through the year, the Society becomes involved with a variety of activities promoting Hospice Awareness. During May, the public can participate in the annual Rainbow Remembrance Program in the foyer of the New Denver branch of Kootenay Savings Credit Union.

Hospice Co-ordinator Sue Davies reported that a Bereavement

Support Group is planned and may start within a few weeks.

A new Hospice Newsletter will be issued, outlining future activities. There is also material on Hospice/Palliative care at the Reading Centre.

Hospice Executive for 1997/98 are: Pres., Nancy Guise; Vice Pres., Lorna Obermayr; Sect., Phyllis Ott; Treas., Agnes Emery; Directors, Mark Adams, Betty Carlson, and Jackie Taylor. Financial Statements are prepared by Claudia Jupp.

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Christian Heritage Party—Brian Zacharias

Zacharias has been a self-employed construction contractor in the Nelson area, where he lives with his wife and three children, since 1974.

As a member of the CHP, Zacharias believes in the supremacy of God; that our legal and parliamentary system derive their authority from God, but that in the past 30 years there has been a steady erosion of Christian ethics in society and public institutions; that governments should strengthen the natural family's role as primary provider of health, education and welfare; that ultimate legislative authority should reside in Parliament, not with judges and bureaucrats; and that man's laws should conform to God's laws. "It all comes down to a choice between the supremacy of God who sent His son Jesus to teach us how to live or the supremacy of secular humanism."

Green Party—Andy Shadrack



Shadrack, a resident of Kaslo, came to Canada from England in 1971, and has lived in the Nelson area on and off since 1973. He holds a Diploma in Agricultural Science from England's Royal Agricultural College in 1970, a BA in Natural Science and Political Science from NDU, Nelson in 1976, and an MA in Political Science from the Univ. of Regina in 1982.

Shadrack has extensive organizing experience with various grass roots political organizations including the Kaslo and Dist. Environment Society, Kaslo and Dist. Health Planning Society, Sask. Assoc. of Non-Governmental Social Service Agencies and the Regina Coalition for Peace and Disarmament.

He proposes that we should accelerate the phasing out of ozone depleting chemicals and increase funding for research to find safe substitutes; opposes general tax cuts except for those living below the poverty line until short term debt falls; and believes transfer payments for health, education and social programs can be increased.

Liberal Party—John Greaves



Greaves has long been an active member of his community, and currently serves as Board Chair for School Dist. #51 (Boundary). He is a founding member of the Boundary Economic Action Team, and an active member of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce.

Greaves feels the role of government is to provide the required infrastructure and a stable economic climate to stimulate investor confidence, so the private sector can create jobs. As an MP, he would attempt to liaise with business and the community to determine what would enhance employment creation here, and take those views to Ottawa.

He and his wife have seven children. The moved to West Kootenay-Okanagan 16 years ago in search of a community-oriented place to raise children. Greaves worked as Service Manager for a large western Canadian soft drink bottler, currently works for Pope & Talbot in Midway, and owns and operates a successful small business.

Natural Law Party—Ruth Anne Taves



Taves was born and raised in Ontario, and moved to BC in 1992. She lives with her husband in Nelson.

Taves has a BA in English, a B. Ed in English, Guidance and an M.Ed in Counselling, taught secondary school for 23 years specializing in working with students with learning disabilities; was self-employed for several years as an educational consultant; and co-authored a book on young people with learning disabilities. She is currently a Director of Maharishi Vedic College Okanagan-Kootenay, and teaches courses in Transcendental Meditation and other Vedic Sciences.

She ran as a Natural Law Party candidate in the last federal campaign, and advises Canadians "not to make the same mistake they made last time....the Natural Law Party can bring better fortune for everyone...I have examined their programs and found them effective."

New Democratic Party—Kirk Duff



Duff has been a City Councillor since 1990, Regional Dist. Director since 1993, and belongs to Selkirk Lions Club. He also was a Kimberley Alderman, member of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour Committee and Kimberley Lions Club.

He and his wife and three children have resided in Castlegar for the last nine years.

Duff believes the GST needs to be phased out, the context of comprehensive tax reform; that corporations and the wealthy must pay their share of taxes; the unemployment insurance and provincial training programs need to be better integrated; that increased support for Canadian cultural institutions is needed and that health, education and social programs require stable federal funding.

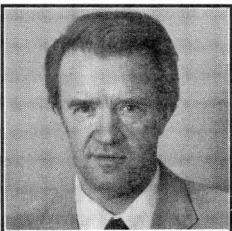
Progressive Conservative Party—Blair Suffredine



Suffredine, originally from Saskatchewan, is a practicing lawyer who has lived and worked in the Nelson area since 1974. He has taught business law at Selkirk College, is a Director of Nelson University Centre and was Counsel for the David Thompson Univ. Centre Student Society. He is also one of the owners of both the Whitewater Ski Area and the Savoy Hotel.

He plans to work for tax cuts and a balanced budget; believes that small businesses, not governments, create jobs; wants to cut EI premiums for both individuals and employers; believes that taxing rural gun owners will not prevent urban crime; wants to restore stable funding for health care and education in exchange for provinces agreeing to maintaining certain standards of health care; and feels we must deal effectively with crime by amending the Young Offenders Act and introducing a Victim's Bill of Rights..

Reform Party—Jim Gouk (Incumbent)



Gouk has represented the Kootenay West-Revelstoke constituency as MP and Reform Transport Critic since 1993. Prior to becoming an MP, he worked for 22 years as an air traffic controller. He holds a commercial pilot's licence, and owned and operated a residential construction company in the West Kootenay.

He served two terms as a Castlegar City Councillor, was a member of Castlegar Rotary and the High Arrow Shrine Club In 1986 he cycled from Castlegar to Phoenix, Ariz. to promote and raise funds for the Rotary Int. *Polio Plus* program.

In 1993, he campaigned on a promise to be "the most accessible MP this riding has ever had." He has held more than 60 public meetings throughout the riding, plus other meetings with municipal Councils, service organizations and other concerned groups.

Westbank Treaty Negotiations

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would cover it...Some community members feel it's better to leave to gain access to health care and education."

Treaty negotiations raise a lot of questions in the minds of people living on the lands First Nations people claim aboriginal rights to. People at both the school meeting and the open meeting asked a lot of those questions, and received answers including:

- Reassurance that the First Nations have agreed that these negotiations will not affect private property;

- Lumber companies likely will be affected by the treaties. Land claims settlement will include aboriginal access to additional land (Crown land) which resource companies normally have access to. Within the Westbank Treaty, a Regional Advisory Committee will be established which will include MOF, lumber companies and First Nations.

- Provincial parks (such as Valhalla Park) are of critical interest. The province and the First Nations alike want these parks to remain protected, and access will have to be negotiated.

- Aboriginal peoples often shared traditional territories. It is up to them to resolve the issue of overlapping land claims.

At the Apr. 30 Table Meeting, negotiators focused on organizing land title searches for purposes of land selection; timber tenure; and access.

Chief negotiator for Canada Wendy Porteous advised in a later interview that negotiation costs are borne equally by the federal and provincial governments, and that while she felt that the value of the land and affordability should not be determining factors in the negotiations, "Canada is interested in what type of land is being negotiated—parks? reserve land?—and in what the taxpayer is going to pay." She added, "We're a big player when it comes to paying the bill."

Canadian Action Party—Bev Collins

All efforts by the Valley Voice to contact Bev Collins were unsuccessful.

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Central Kootenays Have Highest Rural HIV Rate in Province

The BC Centre for Disease Control has released new statistics which indicate that the Central Kootenays now has the highest HIV+ rates of all rural regions in BC.

Our region is third highest overall in the province, with higher HIV+ rates only in two areas of the lower mainland. Many of the new cases involve intravenous drug users who can spread HIV by sharing needles. Not everyone who contracts HIV does so by injecting drugs, but many people continue to have unprotected sex with others whose experience with drug use cannot be known with any more certainty than their sexual history.

"We are all at increasing risk without a proper Needle Exchange program in this region," said Karen Muirhead, Executive Director of the West Kootenay/Boundary AIDS Network. "Since 1994, several proposals have been put forth by various community service providers, including ANKORS, to secure funding for the operation of a needle exchange here. These applications have been turned down repeatedly despite the fact the HIV continues to spread throughout our communities among the IV drug using populations—and beyond."

Earlier this month the Ministry of Health allocated a further \$3 million dollars to existing needle exchanges and community groups in the lower mainland. There are few existing rural needle exchanges and some areas, like the Kootenays, have none—despite the growing need.

Needle exchange programs try to stop, or reduce the spread of blood borne diseases by trading clean needles for used ones, by providing condoms, information and education on risk factors, and by making referrals to drug counseling services. Studies have shown that fewer used needles are discarded in public places where needle exchanges exist because the used needles become valuable if they are exchanged. There is no evidence to suggest these programs create more drug users.

Provincial AIDS decision-makers are being urged, once again, to consider solutions to meet the needs of rural needle exchange and drug treatment programs.

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✓ Hard to find small acreage on the edge of the Village boundary in New Denver. Situated on a hill overlooking the Village, Carpenter Creek, New Denver Glacier and Slocan Lake. Property consists of two areas of benched land which has been cleared and road is in. Water service may be available thru adjoining landholders system. **\$99,800.**

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✓ Group of 5 lots situated in the Village of Slocan. Lots of room for development or possibility of making two parcels. Close to lake and shopping and lumber mill. **\$29,900.**

✓ Nice level building lot on quiet street at southern edge of the Village of Slocan. Property is treed and adjoining lot is also available at the same price if more area is required by the purchaser. **\$18,000.**

✓ Flat lot in the centre of New Denver with one of the largest trees in town on it. Close to school, shopping and two blocks from the lake. Could have future possibilities for commercial considerations depending on zoning application. **\$27,900.**

✓ Centrally located .9 acre lot in Winlaw. Easy walking distance to elementary school and Slocan River, shopping and Post Office close by. Roomy lot within easy commuting distance of Nelson and Castlegar. Well required. **\$19,900+GST.**

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✓ Ideal small business for a couple which includes very roomy living quarters. Main building contains full-size family home with a total of 6 bedrooms; upstairs 4 bedrooms could be used for B & B accommodation with separate private entrance. Two motel buildings with 4 units each, 3 outbuildings plus wood storage and shop area. Purchase price includes all chattels to run motel. Easy access to Slocan Lake and Valhalla Park from this location.

✓ Steady business with no competition on the main street of New Denver in the downtown business area. Building houses a laundromat and a leased office space. Business is low maintenance with a good cash flow. Don't let this great little Village investment pass you by!!

✓ Cheery restaurant in the centre of Slocan. Building is of newer construction and in excellent condition throughout. Slocan is central to Slocan Lake, Valhalla and Kokanee provincial parks and the Little Slocan Valley. This business is the main restaurant in town and enjoys a brisk trade. It is an ideal family operation.

✓ Multi-use building available on main street of Slocan. Large storefront area could be made into smaller units with a little work. Comfortable family-size apartment above. Both levels are currently rented. Building is also on a full concrete basement and there is a big shed at the rear of property. Lots of opportunity here.

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Garden Column

by Ray Nikkel

Plant your first onions as soon as the violets bloom; prune your roses when the forsythia buds are bright yellow; plant your corn when the apple trees are in bloom.

If you have used such gardener's folklore to time your planting, you have taken part in what scientists have named *phenology*—the science of appearances.

Phenology does is more than just observe appearances—it recognizes that for conditions to be right for violets to bloom, they are also right for other plants. Conditions include soil and air temperatures; hours of warmth and sunlight; rainfall and humidity. Most phenological research has focused on plant-plant relationships, but it can also be based on plant-insect relationships or on physical occurrences. In New Denver, don't plant your main garden till the snow is off Goat Mountain.

Plants observed vary from area to area: in central Pennsylvania they plant lettuce and onions when the

wild trailing arbutus flowers. In Calgary, a man noted for his successful corn, plants his seed when lilac leaves are 1 1/2 inches long.

Scientists are working on using plant indicators to help control pests. At the New York Experimental Station in Geneva scientists know that cabbage maggots hatch four times a year at six-week intervals. These hatches can be predicted with great accuracy using "heat-unit accumulations" (keeping track of how many degrees above zero have accumulated since a set date). This takes expensive equipment which very few farms could afford, so the scientists are correlating phenological observations with these flights. The first indicator was when the common yellow rocket (*Barbarea vulgaris*) reached full bloom. This flower is a major food source for the maggot producing flies, so it is no accident that full bloom is simultaneously with the peak of first flight. The second flight is foreshadowed by the blooming of the

common day lily (*Herero-callis fulva*), usually in early July.

Home gardeners can develop their own planting signs by careful observations over a number of years. The plants chosen must be hardy in the area, and must have recognizable stages that can be readily recorded, including such times as first leaf, full leaf, first bloom, full bloom, and end of bloom. Two useful indicator plants are lilac and honeysuckle. They are cold-hardy, resistant to heat and drought, and have few insect or disease problems of their own.

The general feeling among scientists is that weather will become increasingly unpredictable and varied. Our phenological observations may become a constant we need. Strike up a conversation with an old farmer in your area, you can learn a lot—like the best time to plant tender plants such as beans and cucumbers is when the lilacs are in full bloom.

Ray Nikkel is landscape designer with Valley Landscape Nursery.

Sometimes, Dreams Do Come True

It's a long way from Hanover, Germany to New Denver, BC—and for Gerdi and Norbert Maucher, owners of *Harvest Moon Organic Fruits and Vegetables*, it was a journey that was worth the effort.

The couple first spotted Slokan Lake on a 1990 visit to BC. They rented a camper and spent five weeks travelling from Vancouver up through the Rockies. Gerdi said, "We fell in love with the landscape. When you come from a city and see a place like this, it's a dream." Norbert added, "We thought if it was possible to immigrate, we would come back here."

They took the dream back to Germany with them, and returned to BC in 1993, this time following a northern route that took them to the Queen Charlotte Islands—but they had already lost their hearts to the Slokan Valley.

When they moved here permanently in 1995, with their two dogs Daisy and Anca, "Everything worked," said Norbert. "We found the property, the builders, a house to rent in the meantime. We were very lucky." Now they are hoping to have as much luck with their business as they have had with everything else.

Harvest Moon is the place to go for luscious, organic fruits and vegetables every Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in the garage at Sweet Dreams Guest House, across from the New Denver Village Office.

All the produce is high quality, and certified organic "Sometimes the food arrives in not very good condition," said Norbert, "so we prefer to send it back. Our customers want good quality." Although BC produce is scarce through the winter months, the Mauchers hope to carry more BC, and more local produce as the season progresses, and as they find reliable, quality suppliers.

Right now they have a selection of fruits and vegetables guaranteed to keep the cook busy—apples; bananas, oranges, pineapples, kiwis; cabbage, carrots, broccoli, three varieties of potatoes, zucchini, two kinds of lettuce, celery, beets, spinach, tomatoes—plus free range eggs and frozen smoked salmon from Vancouver Island. They welcome suggestions and requests from customers, and will try to get what you want.



Mother's Day Supper Serenade

by Katrine Campbell

More than 100 people attended a dinner and concert put on by musicians from Lucerne School on May 11. The event was both a fundraiser and an opportunity to hear the school band and the Super Ukies in action.

Liz Chernoff's foods classes prepared the lasagna main course while parents contributed salads and desserts and looked after the serving and clean-up.

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As people travel through the southern interior, many have noticed signs such as the one at Nexious Park (several miles out of Nakusp on Hwy. 6 towards Burton) that say *Noxious Weed Biological Control Site, please do not disturb, MOF 3546245.*

Some, such as myself, wonder what this means. Range Health Technician Eric Schild at the Ministry of Forests office in Nelson said, "This is a program started in the 50s to control spotted knapweed, which comes from Europe and has no natural predators here. We release insects from Europe that are natural predators to it. The insects are first screened in Switzerland then tested in control sites throughout Canada and US."

He said they had used several different insects through the years. "We started with a small yellow moth that lays eggs at the base of the plant. The larvae eat the roots. Then in the 70s we released a small gray moth that lays eggs in the seed heads, and the larvae eat the seeds. Last year we added a gray-

white mottle weevil that lays eggs near the base of the plant. These larvae chew the centre of the roots, while adults eat the foliage."

Schild said there have been no incidents of these insects destroying other plant species. "We are monitoring the sites," he commented, "and so far the program has been working well. It's an ongoing project, and is an alternative to sprays—which are controversial, especially in this area."

MOF is not trying to totally eradicate spotted knapweed, said Schild, "but to bring it back into balance with native species."

What Do They Mean When They Say...

First let me be clear about why I am writing this series. It's not to prove who is wrong, but to find out how many clearcuts are planned for the Valley.

The thought of 139 over five years scared a lot of us, especially if they're all squeezed into the area many of us think of as *the Valley*—the slopes we see to our east and west. For some, it's scary even if they're spread over the side valleys and parts we don't normally see, such as the whole of Forest Licence A20192.

For some, it's scary if they're big and ugly. For others, if they wreck people's water sources; or if they're badly planned so that trees won't grow there again; or if they threaten biodiversity and the ecological health we all depend on. For some, all—or none of the above.

It was clear we have a right to

know what is planned, and because there was such a difference between the numbers put out by SFP and the VWS, there was an obvious need for further enquiry.

Once I began investigating, both started being more precise about what and where they were counting. It became obvious they're each talking about different things—which is one common human cause of misunderstanding and distrust.

The "apples and oranges" being mixed turned out to be: *which* five years each is referring to; *what* they each mean when they say "clearcut"; and *where* each is referring to.

I've just about completed the first two questions: henceforth, they are both referring to the years 1997-2001, with a common definition of "clearcut." Both groups' calculations are reasonably close regarding the

number of pure clearcuts for the whole of FL A20192.

But even before getting into the third part (*where*), it gets more complicated. First, because the five-year "plans" are more like two-year plans followed by a three-year guess. As SFP's Alex Ferguson said, the latter end of the "plans" are "very rough estimates based on broad factors such as types of trees and terrain," and they're done before doing detailed, on-the-ground investigations.

Secondly, although five-year plans are legal requirements to show general intent, said Ferguson, it's far simpler for the company to err on the side of overestimating clearcuts. He said that in the past two years, only one-tenth turned out to actually be clearcuts.

You Are In Bear Country

Submitted by Jim L. Beck, District Conservation Officer

Spring and its lush green vegetation signals the arrival of a new bear season. After five months of hibernation, bears awake and begin a daily search for food which can bring them into contact with people.

The Conservation Officer Service receives thousands of bear complaints each year, and 200-400 bears are killed annually because they were perceived to be dangerous to human life or property.

We can't expect bears to change. Instead, we must modify our own behaviour to allow bears and people the freedom to live near each other safely. Here are a few ways you can prevent bear problems. Remember, *garbage kills bears.*

- Keep garbage in odour-proof containers and in a secure location;
- Dispose of garbage regularly. Don't stockpile it or it will begin to smell and attract bears;
- If you compost, sprinkle your compost with lime to reduce smell and aid the composting process;
- Keep pet or livestock food in odour-proof containers;
- Gather windfalls from fruit trees regularly;
- Store barbecues inside after use.

For more information on the prevention of bear problems or to report an environmental violation, please contact the Conservation Officer Service.

Denver Flats Slide

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and Valhalla Wilderness Society to survey the same area, said the existing road crossed many stretches of unstable terrain and recreational property, and was rated high risk.

Gorsline attributed the slide to "a failure due to the drainage structure and probable lack of maintenance." MacIntyre concurred, saying, "Lack of maintenance on this poorly constructed, old road, plus the concentration and volume of water all contributed to the slide." Both Gorsline and MacIntyre said they believe that if the road had already been reconstructed, the slide would not have occurred.

Gorsline is currently reviewing slide reports from MOF engineering staff on site, and said he has some concern with the debris on the floodplain because of the impending run-off. He said MOF will continue to monitor the situation.

Request for Public Input

Timberland Consultants Ltd. of Nelson is currently conducting a recreation inventory for Slocan Forest Products Ltd. and the Ministry of Forests, Nelson Forest Region. The project is funded by Forest Renewal BC.

This project is a combination of three study areas. Tree Farm Licence 3, near Passmore in the Slocan Valley and the Arrow and Kootenay Lake Forest Districts chart areas. This area includes the south end of Trout Lake east to the Duncan River; south down the Duncan and Kootenay Lakes to Nelson; west to the Arrow Lakes; north up the Arrow Lakes to Nakusp; and back to Trout Lake.

Anyone with information on recreational features such as waterfalls, canyons, old minesites, historic trails, unmanaged hiking trails, viewpoints, cabins, hot springs, etc.; and information on where they are recreating and what activities are pursued there, are invited to contact Yuri Hadikin at Timberland Consultants Ltd. Call toll free 1-888-572-2221. Responses will be accepted until June 1, 1997.



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BIZWIT: SMALL BUSINESS TIPS

by Paul von Wittgenstein

Do Your Customers Lean to the Right?

Today's *Bizwit* tackles the age old question, "Is the customer always right?"

When some business people are asked this question, they are torn on how to answer it. It is a tough question.

I love to sit back and listen to this topic hotly debated amongst business people—it is highly entertaining, and I seldom see anyone come out a winner.

Let's examine just what kind of question we're posing, and some of the more popular points of view on this issue.

Some people argue that because their business depends heavily on the level of service they provide, each customer has to be satisfied no matter what. This kind of business philosophy is pretty hard to live up to, and leaves you wide open to attack by more aggressive or abusive customers.

The other side of the coin is the "take it or leave it" business attitude. The argument is made by business people who already "know" what is best for their customers goes "if you don't like what I'm offering, shop someplace else." This form of apathy is business poison, and ultimately has an extremely negative effect that will shrink your customer base.

The question is really a marketing issue:

—If you are trying to tailor the delivery of your goods and services to your target market, the only real answer to the question is "always, if it's the right customer."

—If your target market identifies a demand you are not capable of supplying, then someone else will supply it to them

Until next time, good business to you.

A Message From MLA Corky Evans

In response to the question "How come the government doesn't seem to ever be able (or willing) to make peace with the environmental movement?" which MLA Corky Evans recently received from a constituent, he would like to share his thoughts with the public.

I've thought about this question for years. Everyone knows that BC has lot of people concerned about land and water and fish and animals and air. And everyone knows that our standards on those subjects have changed very rapidly to lead the world. Our stands on pulp emissions, for example, are the best in Canada. Our percentage of protected land leads the country, if not the world. So how come we cannot end the constant rancor that threatens boycotts, invasions of my office, blockades on logging roads, and the like?

My own view is that the "environmental movement" is not a movement at all, but a collection of voices without leadership. That is, of course, perfectly reasonable. The arts have functioned for millennia on the same model. The difference is only that no one calls the arts community a "movement" because, by its very nature, it is made up of people going their own way and fiercely defending their right to tell their own story in their own way to their own audience for their own reason.

"Movements" often start out in the same way, with people or groups having good ideas in isolation, but, if they are effective or successful ideas, they rapidly gain credibility and begin

to coalesce around an objective and a leadership that can express that objective.

The "labour movement" and the "women's movement" and the "co-op movement" are examples of ideas that have taken successful political form to bring about progressive change. Native people have created national organizations like the AFN to articulate their agenda.

Why should it matter if environmentalists act in coalition or as individual voices? I don't think it does except in answer to your question about why the province is constantly in turmoil about "the environment". Governments function by dealing with people and groups in the aggregate. There are 3 million voices in BC and hundreds of issues for those individuals to have opinions about. Individual politicians can hear and respect the thoughts of a single group or person on a single subject, but governments would come to gridlock in an hour if they tried to govern by hearing all the hundreds of millions of opinions of citizens on every issue. Society knows this and so serious advocates organize into movements with a unified objective to speak to government. They choose a leadership to approach government

and advocate for an agenda of concerns on behalf of their members.

Just about every interest in society works on some variation of this model; parents into school boards into the BC School Trustees elected leadership, parishioners into churches into Bishops that speak for whole religions, business people into chambers of commerce into the Canadian Federation of Small Business, Unions into the Federation of Labour, Women into the National Action Committee and so on.

Environmentalists have no such process for democratic selection of leadership, so the leadership that does exist has no way to prioritize their agenda of concerns, so governments have no way to negotiate progressive change.

I don't think this is wrong, Barry. It's just the way things are in Canada and in BC and it confuses the public and allows any group of "environmentalists" on any given day to speak well or poorly for everybody else.

My personal view is that it also leaves the environmental "movement" impotent to negotiate important issues in a credible way that people can understand.

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NOTES FROM THE RCMP



New Denver Detachment

A twelve gauge shotgun was found on Hwy. 6 at the Lemon Creek bridge, between Slocan and Winlaw, on Apr. 18. It appears the shotgun may have fallen off a moving vehicle. Cpl. Jim Baker is requesting that anyone having knowledge of this shotgun contact the New Denver Detachment at 358-2222. Further details are being withheld so the owner can describe the shotgun when a claim is made.

Nakusp Detachment

On Friday May 9 at 8:40 AM, Joey Matras, (11) of Nakusp was going too fast on his bike down the Second Ave. hill and could not stop at Nelson Ave.; he went through the stop sign and struck the rear of a van operated by Estell Schroff, also of Nakusp. Matras was transported to Arrow Lakes Hospital by BC Ambulance Service, but released a short time later with minor injuries. Damages to Schroff's van is estimated at approx. \$2,000; Matras's bike is beyond repair. There will be no charges arising from this incident. Matras is very lucky to have received only minor injuries—he was wearing a helmet at the time of the incident. **Let this be a reminder to all of us—wearing bicycle helmets is the law now and there are reasons for wearing them.** Also, they must be worn properly to be effective. Wearing a bandana or baseball cap reduces the helmets's ability to absorb the impact of a collision. And please, show your children how important protection is by wearing your helmet too!

In honour of National Police Week, May 11-17, the Regular Members of Nakusp Detachment would like to thank some of the people in the community who embody the principals of Community Policing:

Auxiliary Constables Paul von Wittgenstein, Sheila Fahلمان, Mike Morrow; Members of the Community Consultive Group and the Facilitators of the Nakusp Youth Assistance Program; Judy Ambrock, Karen McMillan and Marilyn Fischer of Victim Services; and dozens of other members of the community who help us keep Nakusp a place we are all proud to live and grow in.

Sir Robert Peel said it over 100 years ago: "The police are the community, the community is the police."

Cpl. Gerry Smith.; Csts. Dave Lafleur, Brian Kallert, Jim Hands

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Court Report

At the Nakusp Provincial Court on May 8 the following determinations were made:

- Dawna Marie Patrick, charged with Forging prescriptions and Attempting to Defraud, failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued.
- Larry West was found guilty of one count of Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a Vehicle, and was fined \$100. The case of David John Kiene was held over to June 5 for election.

BC Province Wide Weapons Amnesty

Until May 31, unwanted firearms, other weapons or explosives can be turned in to any municipal police department or RCMP detachment in BC during the first province wide weapons amnesty.

This amnesty will allow people to turn over weapons without fear of prosecution for possession. Unless the weapon has been used for a criminal purpose, no charges will be laid. If there is an outstanding warrant on another matter for the person turning over the weapon, the warrant will be executed.

Those participating can turn in shotguns and rifles, registered or unregistered firearms (such as pistols and revolvers), prohibited firearms (such as full automatic or converted semi-automatic rifles), large capacity magazines and ammunition, or any

other ammunition. Other weapons such as knives, stun guns and martial arts equipment are also included.

People who wish to take part in the amnesty should first contact their local police department for instructions before transporting or trying to turn in weapons. Police can provide assistance to anyone who has safety concerns in handling or transporting weapons.

Stolen Vehicle Gets Dunked

by Mary Wagner

On May 4 yet another vehicle was towed out of the Arrow Lake—the 1990 red Jeep Cherokee owned by Shane Reimer of Nakusp was initially discovered in the lake by local resident Jack Katchen, who bumped into it while backing his boat into the water.

Nakusp RCMP reported that the Jeep went into the water the night of

May 3-4. There were no signs of forced entry or hot-wiring. The vehicle was responsible for damaged VSA signs on Hwy 6 toward Burton and a destroyed gate at a VSA gravel pit. The matter is under investigation. RCMP ask that anyone who saw anything relating to these incidents, please call 1/800-222-8477 or the Nakusp RCMP Detachment.



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Get Out There and Celebrate—Recreation

by Carol Bell

Question—Is being a spectator a form of recreation?

Answer—Only if you clap your hands, stamp your feet or jump up and down while cheering/laughing/yelling.

The upcoming May Day Weekend of inspired recreation and sports activities will be fun for everyone—whether you are inclined to exercise your hand-eye coordination with radio controlled airplanes and vehicles, cheer on your duck in the Duck Race, bend your elbow in the Bavarian Gardens, or

hold your sides while laughing uproariously as the Bed Racers charge up and down Main Street...you, too, are recreating.

If you are more action oriented, there will be ball games galore, kids' and firemen's games, cycling on one wheel or two while racing around town or all the way from Summit Lake. Then there is a May Pole dance, a Teen Dance and an Adult Dance (my apologies, folks, it's not a polka band, it's the *Lazy Poker Band*).

Even digging into your pockets will be an enjoyable exercise when you realize you are helping keep the

fun in fundraising. Monies spent on May Day activities will stay in the community, being used to assist the Hospital Auxiliary, Nursery School, Grads, Historical Society, CounterAttack and of course the Arena Society.

Local individuals, groups and businesses will all have a shot at the glory—watch them go by on their Parade floats.

And it's not too late to find an activity that needs some help—you can still get involved and be a part of this grand down home celebration.

Nakusp Golf Season Starts

Forty-seven golfers turned out on the May 10 weekend for the Nakusp String Tournament at Nakusp Centennial Golf Course.

In the Mens division: Lawrence Grenier took the lead with 63; he was followed by Brian Roberts 65; Fergus Yano 65; Wayne Hascarl 65; George MacIntyre 66, Logan Marchischuk 67; Brodie Yano 68; Butch Warantz 69.

In the Ladies division: Debbie Roberts won top spot with 79; followed by Linda Henke 79; Laura Katchen 80; Tammy Hascarl 84.

The next Tournament is *Beat the Pro* on May 25 at 12 NOON. The *Tombstone Tournament* has moved to 9-holes on July 16 due to heavy booking on the course.



Nakusp Cubs, Scouts and Beavers cleaned up Summit Lake park on weekend of May 10, with the help of parents and other family members. The Nakusp Conservation Association donated \$500 to the group for their efforts.

Slocan Lake Golf Club Opening

Results from the May 4 Opening tournament are: **Ladies Low Net: Marilyn Mengler 70**; runner up Shelly Welch 74. **Mens Low Net Doug Milton 64**; runner up Dean Mikkelson 65. **Juniors Low Net: James Simpson**; runner up Jared Simpson. The next tournament is May Days Open on May 18; open to men, ladies and juniors.

Peter Duck Memorial Golf Tournament

On Saturday, May 25 the Valley View Golf Club will host its *First Annual Peter Duck Memorial Open Tournament*. The event will recognize Duck's contribution to the game in a tournament which allows all levels of golfers to participate and have a great time.

Peter Duck was an avid golfer who truly loved the game. He was Club Pres. for many years, and

dedicated countless hours to the Club and The Game. Many knew him as the owner of *The Duck Stop Restaurant* in Winlaw, and as a former Area HRDCK Director. He was truly a gentleman in all aspects of his life.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this six-player Best Ball Tournament, with some special local rules applying which the Club knows Peter would either love or pull his

hair out over.

Tournament fee is \$30 per player, including supper (steak or vegetarian). A portion of the proceeds will go towards Kootenay Lake Dist. Hospital Fund, Nelson Hospice, and Cancer Research, charities selected by Peter's wife Joan.

Those who wish to attend, please contact the clubhouse at 226-7241 by May 23.

Winlaw Park Trees Must Go

The Winlaw Regional Park Board would like to make the public aware that there are about 20 trees in the park that must be either topped or felled to reduce the risk of injury to the public. All are birch or cottonwood, and have become risk trees through natural aging or from the heavy snow load this past winter. The Park Board will give priority to potential danger trees in high use areas of the park.

The Park Board plans to take a management approach respecting the fact that much of the park is a natural area, but this must be balanced with managing the risks to people from

falling limbs and trees. Liability is a critical factor in any public facility, and at times must be given priority.

Tree falling will take place in the near future. The Parks Board hopes this can be completed with a minimum of disruption to park use. Some trees will be used for park firewood; others will be left on the ground as habitat logs.

For safety, please keep the following in mind when using the park over the coming months:

- Don't walk through the park in high winds;
- Stay on designated trails;
- Be aware of the forest canopy

when in the park.

The Park Board is nearing the final stages of developing a Draft Park Management Plan incorporating the wishes of the broader community with respect to the park. The draft will eventually be presented to the public for comment and improvement. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer your help toward keeping the park as beautiful as possible, please contact the Slocan Valley Rec. office at 226-7744.

Winlaw Regional Park is located 1 km north of the Winlaw Bridge on Slocan River Back Road.

MAY DAYS 1997

Celebrations in New Denver

THEME — RECREATION

- Wed., May 14 Queen's Pageant Lucerne School 7 pm
Fashions by NURU DESIGNS & VALHALLA PURE
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- Fri., May 16 Naming of the Queen Lucerne School, 7 pm
TEEN DANCE (13-19) Silverton Hall 9 pm-1 am
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TRANSPORTATION: **Arrow Lakes Bus Line**
will pickup at Lucerne at 9 & 10 pm
Leaves Silverton Hall at midnight & 1 am

- Sat., May 17 Fish Derby 6 am
Registration at local stores
- Slowpitch Tournament Centennial Park, 8 am
Hot & Cold Booth Centennial Park, 9 am
sponsored by The Grads
- Kid's Bike Races Lucerne School, 10:30 am
with Katrina
- Bavarian Gardens Centennial Park, 12 noon
(sponsored by Community Club
& Slocan Lake Arena Society)
- Bed Races Main St., 1 pm
ADULT DANCE Silverton Hall, 9 - 1 am
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- Sun., May 18 Pancake Breakfast Centennial Park, 7 am
(sponsored by Chamber of Commerce,
food donated by Lucky Dollar)
- Fish Derby continues
Slowpitch continues Centennial Park, 8 am
- Golf Tournament 9 am
Slocan Lake Golf Course
(sponsored by Slocan Lake Logging & Trucking
Assoc. & Silverton Transport)
- Soccer Tournament
Minor (ages 5-12) Lucerne School, 10 am

- Volleyball Tournament Centennial Park, 10:30 am
(sponsored by Student Council)
- Radio Controlled Old Arena Site, 12 noon
Vehicle Races
(sponsored by Lester's Hobbies of Nakusp)
- Bavarian Gardens Centennial Park, 12 noon

- Mon., May 19 Fish Derby continues
Hot & Cold Booth Centennial Park, 9 am
(sponsored by Arena Society)
- Parade Line-up Lucerne School, 10 am
Parade Begins 11 am
- Theme: Recreation
CEREMONIES Centennial Park, 11:30 am
Crowning of the Queen & Introduction of Royalty
Presentation of Citizen of the Year Award
Presentation of Youth Leader of the Year Award
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- Bavarian Gardens Centennial Park, 12 noon
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- Cribbage Tournament Bavarian Gardens, 1 pm
Kid's Races Centennial Park, 1 pm
- Baseball Centennial Park, 1:30 pm
- Duck Race Carpenter Creek, 4 pm



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Lightning Strikes

The Lucerne *Lightning* Senior Girls soccer team has participated in two tournaments and one playday. They finished fourth in Osoyoos, defeating Castlegar 1-0 before dropping a 2-1 overtime decision to Fernie, and losing 2-0 to Summerland.

They finished eighth in a 16-team field in Penticton, defeating both Cranbrook and Summerland 1-0 and losing to North Van, Burnaby and Nelson. May 5 in New Denver, they downed Trail 5-0 and lost 1-0 to Rossland.

And Then There's Thunder!



The Lucerne *Thunder* concluded an exceptional series of playdays on May 12, winning two games and tying a third under the hot Grand Forks sun.

In four playdays this year, *Thunder* lost only one game against junior competition as they compiled a 5 win-1 loss-3 tie record; they had a winning record against all teams save one—arch-rival Nakusp. Both games against the junior Cougars resulted in ties.

The two teams settle the issue Wednesday, May 21 at Lucerne Field when they play each other in the first Challenge Cup game. Game time is 4:30—check these junior girls in action.

Tae Kwon Do Championships

WE Graham students Brandi Ingram and Allison Sterling won a gold and bronze each and Katie Rainey won a bronze at the Tae Kwon Do championships in Vancouver Apr 26.

Lower Slokan Valley Fitweek May 25 to 31



the heart pumping and enjoying the benefits. What the SVRC #8 asks is everyone to do something a little extra for good health—take a walk, jog, bike ride, hike, play an extra round of golf—whatever you can think of. Then phone in and tell them how much time you spent doing it.

Last year almost 32,000 minutes were accumulated in the lower Slokan Valley and every year the community is challenged to outdo itself—get that total higher.

This year the SVRC #8 is promoting two specific events for residents to focus on. On Wednesday, May 28 there will be a Seniors Hike to Cougar Rock in Winlaw, beginning at 11:00 AM. The hike will be three to four km, isn't too strenuous, and the view at the end is reward in itself.

On Saturday, May 31 the week

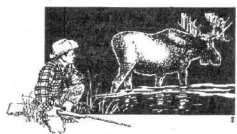
culminates with the Four Bridges Bike Ride. It's a family bike ride from Perrys Siding to the Passmore Hall on the Slokan River Back Road. Meet at the Thread's Guild Building at 10:30 AM for this event. If you don't wish to do the whole ride, there will be trucks available to bring folks back to the start; if you want, you can join the ride along the way. At the Passmore Hall there will be a nutritious snack waiting and a draw prize or two for those who participate.

Folks are encouraged to pursue a healthy activity on their own during the week, the key thing is to call the SVRC at 226-7744 and let them know what you did and how long you did it. This year they're hoping to get in over 50,000 minutes from the community.

What are you doing to stay in shape? The Slokan Valley Recreation Commission #8 is once again promoting their annual *Fitweek* and they want everyone in the community to take part.

What is *Fitweek*? The program started as a national promotion for healthy living as a theme which everyone should endorse. Locally, *Fitweek* is a challenge to the whole community to outdo itself by getting

Limited Entry Hunting Regulation Announced



This year's limited entry hunting regulations are now available at sporting goods stores and Govt. Agent office throughout BC. Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) is a random draw system to allocate limited hunting opportunities to BC residents. Hunters should review the 1997/98

LEH Regulations Synopsis, and submit their LEH application by the June 11 deadline. Applicants will be informed of results by mail July 7.

LEH regulations are modified each year to address conservation concerns or expand hunting opportunities where wildlife populations allow. Changes in the Kootenay Region this year include:

- A new 10-day LEH season on antlerless moose and spike bull moose in MU 4-38 and 4-39;
- The LEH season for antlerless

or spike buck mule (blacktailed) deer will be closed due to population declines;

- Due to population declines, LEH hunts in much of the region will be closed for calf elk, ewe or lamb mountain sheep, and antlerless moose and spike bull moose.

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"A Vision For The Future" But Whose Vision is it?

This information was delivered to our office surreptitiously, in the dead of the night and with absolutely no discernable identifying marks.

We do not normally publish anonymous material. However, if this plan is implemented, it will mean tremendous changes for the entire area.

The future of the New Denver area depends largely on the development of the Burton Tunnel. Construction of the Tunnel is the key to a major boom.

Delays in Tunnel construction seem to centre around disposal of the many piles of dirt it will produce. Based on this assumption, I have formulated a plan to combine disposal of tunnel material with area development. Please see the map which illustrates the possibilities and how they would each affect the community.

The first obvious benefit is tunnel construction employment opportunities. Old miners would flock to New Denver to participate in such a project. Their wages would be spent in local stores, restaurants and motels, which would be a great shot in the arm for the area.

Other local people (and imports) would be used to move tunnel excavation material north and south from the tunnel entrance. Going north, Bigelow Bay could be filled in; going south, a strip could be filled in between New Denver and Silverton. Initially, this combined strip would provide a waterfront trail from Rosebery to Silverton (something the area desperately needs!). As fill areas are completed, development could begin.

To finance this, a corporation, possibly known as *Denxev*, could be formed. The corporation could sell

shares for the extraction of gold from the tunnel path. Sale of these shares (and sale of the gold) would finance the following projects (see map):

1. Revamping of the existing golf course. Maybe some nice soft seats could be installed, since it will be much busier after development.

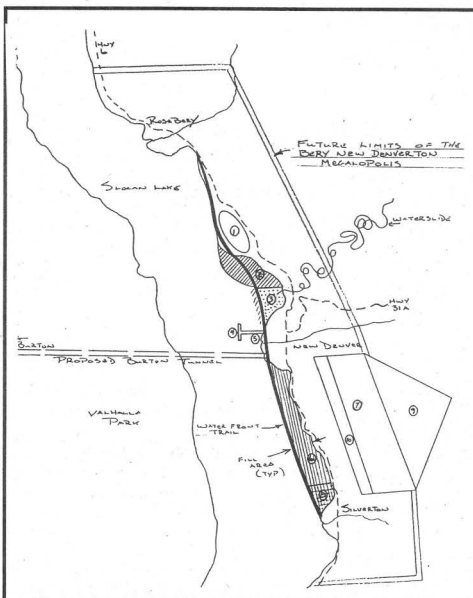
2. Expansion of the golf course. The Bigelow Bay Back Nine could be added along the newly filled waterfront trail. Of course, an aerial tramway would be required between the Front Nine and the Back Nine. This could be done on a period theme, like *The Old Silverton Tramway*.

3. Construction of a waterslide park/mini-golf course area in the balance of the Bigelow Bay Flats. We could build the world's largest waterslide, transporting people up Goat Mountain and letting them slide down to Bigelow—the existing beach could be relocated outside of the waterfront trail, and maybe this time we could import some real sand.

4. Construction of a wharf at the end of Sixth Ave, which would serve as a docking area for restored paddlewheelers offering lake cruises. Various boutiques and restaurants could line the sides of the wharf.

5. Construction of speedboat and jet ski rental facilities, parasailing, scuba diving and other water fun stuff along the wharf.

6. Continuation of the waterfront trail, an expanded campground and a strip of Vegas-style motel/casinos



along the foreshore. (Now you can see the dollars coming in, can't you?)

8. Construction of a heliport/seaplane facility just below *Arsenic Acres* in Silverton, which would allow scenic flights in the area as well as paving the way for heli-skiing opportunities and providing parking for corporate seaplanes.

7, 9, 10. Denver Flats Development Area: Since it will have no trees on it, this could be transformed into a motorsport area. If some trees are left, local loggers could be employed to finish the job. This vast treeless area could become home to a world class motocross track, mountain bike circuit and winter snow machine hill climbs. An airport for the high rollers visiting the casinos could be constructed on a flat area.

As a result of all this development, the area could expect a huge influx of new residents; therefore, Village boundaries would have to expand.

The area should be amalgamated into one city, to be known as the Bery New Denver Megalopolis.

Maybe we could split off from BC and form our own monarchy, like Monaco. If we did this, we would need a king to lead us into the 21st Century. Maybe we could hire a figurehead, like a Mayor, to take this post. No, wait a minute...we need someone bigger. Maybe that Nygren guy...no, wait, he's just another politician. Well, we can worry about that later.

In the meantime, let's dust off the shovels and wheelbarrows, and start digging!

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1977 Honda 754 with saddlebags and a full front fairing. \$850. 265-4903 or 265-3588. 1505

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Lost & Found

LOST DOG: \$100 reward. Help us find Yukon. She is medium-sized, red-gold. Looks like a fox. Could have travelled far since being lost near Burton, May 8. If you see her at all, please call 265-4749. 265

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One Heart Faire in Downtown Winlaw

Spring is here! The *One Heart Community Faire* is about to blossom again, starting Sunday May 18, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Winlaw market space next to the Hungry Wolf Café.

Every Sunday throughout the summer (weather permitting) this simple, lively place awaits you. Bring your own table, blanket or tailgate; cost is \$5 per spot, first come, first served. Set-up is 9:00-10:00 AM. Musicians, artisans and performers are welcome and can reserve with Phil at 226-7810.

Come on out! Enjoy and support our local economy and diversity, meet your Valley neighbours and join in the fun with family and friends! For more information, call Mirjam at 355-2206 or Ricardo at 226-7307.

Friday Market Promotes Community Self-Reliance

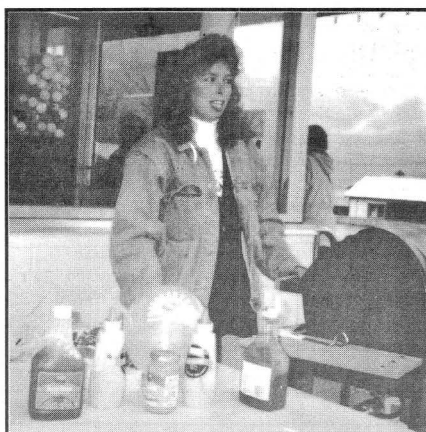
The Friday Market is a great meeting place for locals, where you can share ideas and give visitors a chance to experience the diversity of your community. Marketers value the participation of children, and some special activities will be planned for them this summer.

At a recent meeting to discuss the upcoming New Denver market season, the group decided that in the spirit of promoting community self-reliance, they will accept only personally produced wares and homegrown organic produce. To encourage recycling, local second hand items will be welcome, space permitting. Local growers and crafters are invited to get involved in the transition towards a self-sustaining economy.

The Market is run by volunteers, and any input is always appreciated. Market organizers would like once again to express their thanks to Jeff and Caroline at the Motherlode Bookstore for their generosity in allowing the Market use of their yard.

Opening day will be Friday, June 6. Please contact Morgen Bardatti at 358-7733 if you have any questions.

Nakusp Businesses Join Children's Hospital Fundraising Effort



by Mary Wagner

As part of the annual spring fundraising drive for Vancouver's Children's Hospital, Overwaitea staff volunteered their time to run the hot dog stand May 2-4 (through some dismal, wet days).

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Memorial: Gustafson. The family of the late Henry Gustafson invite his friends to join them for a memorial service and tea at the Slocan Hall, Slocan on Saturday, May 17 at 2 pm. 1505

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by me: Nellie Kabatoff, Group 12, Comp. 13, RR 1, Winlaw, BC V0G 210, phone 250-226-7577; to change my name from Kabatoff, Nellie to Kabatoff, Mabel. 1505

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GORIN: Phyllis Mary
On Monday, May 5, 1997, Phyllis Mary Gorin of New Denver, formerly of Slocan, passed away at the age of 80 years.
Mrs. Gorin came to Vancouver in the early 1970s from Quebec and moved to Slocan in 1979 where she resided until she moved to the Slocan Health Care Centre in New Denver in 1990.

Mrs. Gorin was a member of the Slocan Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the Slocan Branch of the Senior Citizens. She also enjoyed many hours gardening.

Mrs. Gorin is survived by her daughter Carol (David) Barclay of Slocan, her son Philip of Kenora, Ont., her grandchildren Jo-Anne Barclay, John Barclay; Steven, Tamara, Chris, Brandon Gorin; two sisters Jean Lemieux of Ont., and Flo Moore of Nova Scotia. She was predeceased by son Randy, and two brothers Fred and Percy Keep.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 11, 1997 at 2:30 PM from the Slocan Community Hospital, New Denver, BC with Rev. Anne Brandy officiating. Cremation. In lieu of flowers friends who so desire may make donations to the Slocan Community Hospital, New Denver, BC. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thompson Funeral Service Ltd.

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