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## Running Free, Running Scared...

No dog license? Live in New Denver? Well, after Jan 31 you'd better have a lot of money, because it's going to cost you big time.

Beginning Feb. 1, you will be liable for a \$25 fine if your dog is unlicensed; another \$50 for dogs running at large (even with a license); and interfering with an Animal Control Officer will net you another \$50!

Until Jan. 31, you can get a \$15 discount on your dog license fee—after that, you must pay full price.

And, folks, tickets will be issued!

## MP Jim Gouk Holds Town Meetings While Fighting Off Wrongful Dismissal Lawsuit

Jim Gouk, current Member of Parliament for the riding of Kootenay West-Revelstoke, was approved unanimously at the Reform Party's West Kootenay-Okanagan Constituency Candidate Selection Meeting Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Castlegar Recreation Complex. "I'm very happy that my candidacy was approved so overwhelmingly by the party," said Gouk. "I consider it a real honour to have represented the fine people of this region for the past three-and-a-half years, and I hope to carry on my work through a second term of office."

West Kootenay-Okanagan is comprised mainly of sections of two existing federal ridings: most of Kootenay West-Revelstoke (minus the Revelstoke area), as well as all of the Boundary Country and the southern Okanagan communities of Osoyoos and Oliver. The new riding

boundaries will also include the community of Riondel, currently contained in Kootenay East.

Approx. thirty people attended a Jan. 15 Town Hall meeting with Gouk in Slokan, where he presented a booklet outlining the party's six-point plan which includes overhaul of government operations, tax relief, legislative support for families, reform of the criminal justice system, repairing the social safety net, and ending the uncertainty caused by the national unity crisis, as well as advocating a change in focus on government accountability.

Gouk responded to questions regarding these policies, and predicted a spring 1997 Federal election.

At the end of the meeting, he commented that he had recently read a book that claimed that less than 4% of Canadians believe in politicians. "That," he commented, "is less than

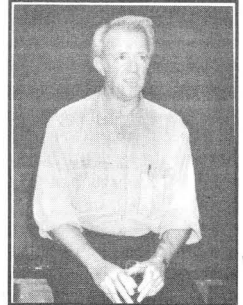
the number of people who believe in UFOs."

Although no questions arose at the meeting regarding the wrongful dismissal suit brought against him on behalf of his Castlegar office ex-Administrative Assistant Sonja Garvey, we were able to ask him about it later.

Gouk explained that he "had received a letter in Aug. 96 from her lawyer (Les Vander) advising us we had 30 days to respond. But Vander went to the press before we were served." He added that Vander has "offered to settle [out of court]...I told them no—I've got no reason to settle, I've done nothing wrong."

Gouk dismissed Garvey when the job description changed, and transferred a staff person from his Ottawa office to the Castlegar constituency office to fill the position.

Garvey's lawyer launched a side



suit, demanding Gouk provide them with more documentation, which Gouk considered to be "privileged information between myself and legal services." Garvey lost this suit, and was ordered to pay legal costs, which Gouk said he has not yet received.

Gouk is filing a motion for dismissal of the main suit, on the grounds that "I've done nothing wrong."

## Nakusp & Dist. Community Services Involved With New Ministry for Children and Families



Nakusp & Dist. Community Services Administrator and New Denver & Area Home Health Care Administrator Jan Oswoild discussing potential impacts of new Children and Family Services Centres.

The province has created the new Ministry for Children and Families (it includes elements from the Ministries of Social Services, Health, Attorney General, Women's Equality and Education), in an effort to more effectively deliver programs in support of children and families in need.

The mandate of the new Ministry, being referred to as *McFamily*, is to protect children. It will be responsible for a variety of services and programs including: adoption and related services; children-in-care; family support (including homemaker, daycare for teen parents, parent training, and family resource services); children with special needs; senior citizen counselling; services for adults with mental handicaps; health services for children including medical equipment for children in care; summer programs for the deaf/blind; adult and youth alcohol and drug treatment programs; some Family court services; child and youth mental health services; and specified Public Health programs including hearing services, speech and language pathology, nutrition services and public health nursing.

Some of these programs are and will continue to be direct services, and some are contracted to service providers such as Nakusp and District Community Services (NDCS).

The *Draft Service Delivery Model* for Children and Family Services proposes to establish five sub-regions in our area (which match the proposed boundaries for the five new Community Health Councils): Nelson (including the Slokan Valley to Slokan); Trail; Castlegar, Nakusp (including New

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## Community Honours Retiring Chamber of Commerce Manager

Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce Manager Julie Gaudet retired after more than six years of service to this organization, and the business community turned out for a surprise roast in her honour Saturday night Jan. 18 at the Manor Restaurant. Gaudet, who also worked for the Economic Development Board and InfoCentre, was thanked grandly by Acting Mayor Sam Crockett, "on behalf of the entire Village."

Ron Balske recounted that Gaudet had been the "glue that held together three organizations working toward the same thing from different directions," which eventually culminated in the Chamber office.

Denis Stanley told of how Gaudet had traded jobs with her previous employer to wind up working for the Chamber, and said, "We owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for what she has done for the community."

New Denver artist Les Weisbrich presented her with a framed collection of four of his prints in thanks for his invitation to join the Chamber, and her work in getting his brochures on the ferry.

Chamber Acting Manager Shannon Roberts presented Gaudet with a hat covered in buttons, on behalf of all the summer students. Lois Lillies thanked her for her long hours of work training young people in the Super Host Program. Greg Craine thanked Gaudet on behalf of the Chamber, and presented her with a retirement gift.

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## New Denver Council Notes

At the Jan. 14 Regular Meeting of New Denver Council the following business was transacted.

• **Regional Arts Show Support:** Slocan Lake Gallery Society representative Lorna Obermayr thanked Council for its Letter of Support for the upcoming regional show. She requested a grant from Council to be used toward physical preparation for the show, and reported that two area Arts Councils have pledged financial support and that she also plans to ask RDCK for funding.

• **Bosun Hall:** Council was advised that some federal funding may be available for Bosun Hall. The Committee will meet Jan. 21.

• **Public Works:** With the new equipment, snow removal from Main St. now takes less than two hours, compared to 4-5 hours previously. Council will send a letter to staff for its commendable job clearing this year's record snow fall from Village streets.

The cost for a two-way communications radio for the loader was reported to be under \$1,000.

• **Economic Development:** The RDCK Local Commission (Slocan, Silvertown and New Denver Municipal

reps plus Area H Director Eric Nygren) are exploring the possibility of establishing two Economic Development Commissions through the Chambers of Commerce in Nelson and New Denver. Meetings are planned to discuss funding options and to define boundaries.

In a later interview, Silvertown Mayor and Commission Rep Roy Carlson explained that the proposal is only at the discussion stage, but that he feels "Municipalities as a group should show leadership to the Chamber, and focus on a broader base for Slocan, New Denver and Silvertown." He said that Silvertown supports the concept of splitting the EDC into two areas, because, for example, "Slocan Park may be better served through Nelson's Chamber." He also commented, "Nygren's position is that EDCs in rural communities are not necessarily a good way to spend taxpayers money...but we should at least look at the opportunities." All three Municipal Reps support the proposal.

• **Arena Society:** At Mayor Wright's request, in response to Ken Casley's letter published in the *Valley Voice*, Council will invite the Slocan

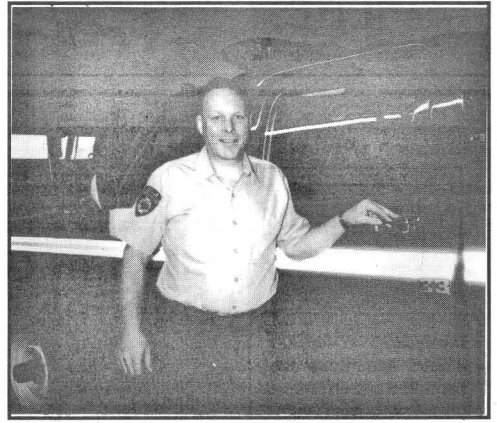
Lake Arena Society to the next Council meeting to consider the Society's claim to insurance monies resulting from the Arena Fire. Additionally, a motion by Roddy Reitmeier to give the old ice plant to the Arena Society was carried.

• **Veterans Affairs Canada Draw:** The Village of New Denver won a draw for an educational package from VAC. The six videos plus memorabilia will be donated to the Reading Centre. Letters will be sent to Lucerne School and the Legion Branch advising them of this.

• **Well Head Protection Study:** Acting Mayor Brookfield reported on the request (brought forward from the Dec. 10 meeting) by Jeff Bustard and Lorie Langford to share the cost of a well head study. He advised that private developers need to undertake such feasibility processes themselves, and recommended that the Village not participate in the study. Council will advise Bustard and Langford that its position remains unchanged.

• **Bylaw No 487/9, Water Waste Disposal:** Council gave Third Reading to the Bylaw, which is part of a new building amendment.

## New Chief and Truck for Winlaw



Jay Jenkins (pictured above) was elected Fire Chief by the Winlaw Fire Dept. at its Jan. 7 AGM. He has served on the 17-member volunteer Fire Dept. for two years.

Jenkins is pictured with the team's new 1989, one-ton 4-wheel drive rescue vehicle, which arrived Jan. 1. Purchase was funded through RDCK, but insurance, licensing and operating expenses are not, and will be raised through various fundraising efforts, including a ventriloquist and magic show planned for Feb. 2 at Winlaw Hall (hall and performances donated)—great family entertainment, with hot dogs, pizza and drinks. The show will start at 7:00 PM.

## Slocan Council Report

At the Jan. 8 Regular Meeting of Slocan Village Council the following business was transacted.

• **Bylaw #480:** was given Three Readings to authorise the leasing of real property to the Curling Club.

• **Budget:** The Provisional Budget as presented was adopted.

• **Regional District:** Committee appointee reported that a Bylaw was passed regarding Paratransit for the area, but the cost to Slocan is not known at this point.

RDCK continues to work on and support the effort to keep the Land Title office in Nelson.

• **Education Committee:** WE Graham School has been approved as a Community School. A meeting for the public was held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the school;

• **Snow Removal:** Heavy snow loads and a breakdown of the grader has resulted in a back log. Extra help was called in to help clean up. The added problem of vehicles on Village property has compounded the problems. A mail drop was approved to notify residents that due to the heavy snow loads, vehicles must be removed from Village streets, or people must be prepared to have them towed.

Slocan Mayor and Councillors

## Towns Discuss Sharing to Reduce Expenses

A joint meeting was held between the New Denver and Silvertown Councils on Tuesday, Jan. 7, to discuss further ways that in a spirit of cooperation they might share equipment, facilities and services in order to reduce expenses.

New Denver and Silvertown already have a joint Municipal Emergency Program, use shared equipment for water tank cleaning, and have a mutual aid agreement for fire fighting services and emergency assistance.

Any additional potential shared services have been referred to committee to report back to the next joint meeting of the two Councils.

Roy Carlson, Mayor of Silvertown  
 Gordon Brookfield, Acting Mayor of New Denver

## Nakusp Group Objects to Land Use Plan Time Frame

The Nakusp-based *Arrow Lakes Land Use Committee* has written to BC Environment regarding the Kootenay-Boundary Land Use Implementation Strategy regarding their concerns that the 20-year look ahead should be completed before land use planning is acted upon; that impacts of the plan in terms of employment could be devastating; and that the Strategy should not be implemented in haste.

Their major concerns focus around the apparent "fast tracking" of the Implementation Strategy, with only token community input allowed before the response deadline.

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## Nakusp Council Notes

At the Jan. 9 Regular Meeting of Nakusp Village Council the following business was transacted.

• **RCMP Report:** Cpl. Gerry Smith reported that at recent meeting between Crown Counsel and RCMP, closure of the Nakusp Court House was proposed. Smith said that if that happens, all court hearings for Trout Lake, Nakusp, New Denver, etc. would be held in Nelson, and that any RCMP officers who have to testify in a case would have to go to Nelson. He cited a current case where all four Nakusp RCMP officers have to testify. If the Court House is closed, Nakusp could theoretically be left without police protection during some trials.

Council will write to the Attorney General and to MP Jim Gouk urging them to leave the Court House open.

Smith also questioned whether Council thought the current speed limits in the School Zone should be raised to avoid having to ticket so many people when photo radar is here. Council decided to leave the speed zones as they are.

Councillor Crockett requested more enforcement on the section of Hwy. 20 from the top of Government Hill to Carson's. Smith said he was aware of the issue for this area and that enforcement will be beefed up.

• **Fire Department:** Councillor

Calancia reported that the Nakusp Fire Dept. is concerned with snow covering the hydrants, making them difficult to get at in a hurry. Council discussed ways to keep the hydrants clear, the *Adopt a Hydrant* plan, where people "adopt" a particular hydrant and keep it clear of snow, appeared to be the most favoured solution. There are already six hydrants in town being kept clear by individuals.

• **Bylaw 241-1, Building Permits:** This amendment will increase fees. Currently, building permits generate approximately \$10,000 annually. The Village keeps 10% as an administration fee, and RDCK takes the rest. This amendment will also reduce the time frame from 36 months to 18 months, and will increase the fee for renewal. The amendment received Third Reading.

• **Highland Helicopters Lease Renewal:** Council voted to renew the five-year lease, with changes in lease fees from \$250 a year, which is what they have paid for the last five years (the fee was low to help them get established), to \$3,000 a year.

• **RDCK Requisition:** Mayor Johnson has written to the RDCK Chairman, protesting the 8% increase in the RDCK requisition from the Village in the 1997 Provisional

Budget (from \$162,441 to over \$175,000). This is in addition to the landfill tipping fees, which will increase the user fees to residents.

Also, the Rec. Commission has a surplus of over \$25,000 from its 1996 Budget, and has still requisitioned additional funds. Council wants to meet with the Commission's Chair to discuss programs and future plans.

• **Wharf Snowplowing:** The Village received a \$400 invoice from Glen Olsen for snowplowing and sanding the launching ramp Nov. 1-Dec. 31/96. Olsen was not asked by the Village to do the work and had no contract, therefore Council will decline to pay the bill, in fear of setting a precedent of paying for unsolicited work. Council will write a letter of thanks for services rendered, and explain why it won't pay.

• **Snow Removal:** From Dec. 9 to Jan. 5, the Village spent \$8,220 on snow hauling and \$1,345 on sidewalk clearing.

• **1997 Provisional Budget:** The 1997 Provisional Budget includes a \$2,434,121 General Operating Fund (\$134,819 Sewer Operating Fund and \$282,823 Water Operating Fund). Treasurer Susan Williams reported that the 1996 Budget appears to be "on track" to date. Final results won't be known until the end of Jan. or later.

## Edgewood Negotiating Cutting Plans With RFP

by Joan Jones

On the evening of Dec. 11, the Edgewood Watershed Technical Committee met at the Edgewood Legion. The meeting was attended by Edgewood licensees Greg Turner, Jim Prentice, Curtis Hopp, Opal McFarlane and Hans Serrath, along with several representatives of Riverside Forest Products. Representatives from the Ministry of Forests included Chair Bill Hilton and Arrow Dist. Manager Ken Arnett.

MOF representative Warren Holoboff presented information concerning logging at the McGill Creek Woodlot (Lic. #1700), 10 miles north of Edgewood. Logging of the 596 hectare site is due to begin in Mar. 1998. An information meeting for potential applicants was held at the Edgewood Legion Dec. 19.

RFP representative Harold Waters led a discussion of the Yellow Creek/Valley Creek drainage area, which is due to be logged in 1997. Edgewood licensees found that the degree of Mountain Pine Beetle attack in parts of the site did not warrant the proposed scale of logging. They also expressed concern about the visible impact of more logging in that location, which can be seen when driving west from the Needles Ferry on Hwy 6. MOF and RFP feel that battling further Mountain Pine Beetle infestation is of the utmost importance. More studies of the contentious areas will take place in mid-Jan.

Glenn Dyck of RFP asked the Edgewood licensees for support in applying for Forest Renewal funding to upgrade RFP's inventory information. The project would take place during the summer of 1997, and local residents would be hired.

## Nakusp and RDCK Trying to Solve Recycling Problems

by Mary Wagner

RDCK held an Open House Jan. 14 at the Nakusp Arena to discuss with approx. 40 residents the Landfill User Fees coming up in Mar. RDCK Recycling Co-ordinator Michael Jessen and Services and Waste Management Supervisor Reinhard Trautman explained the necessity of user fees and showed how many pieces of garbage can be recycled. On tables loaded with everything from purchase receipts to egg cartons to tin cans, Jessen demonstrated how these items could be packed together and dropped into appropriate bins. He said, "In a recent study of the RDCK Office in Nelson, we found that 33% of the waste was paper towels. We now have two waste buckets in the washrooms and the paper towels are recycled."

An issue brought up often by Council and others is the recycling facilities in Nakusp... "a mess," "not emptied enough," "space is too limited," etc. Ace Recycling of Castlegar holds the contract, and they have said that the response from Nakusp was higher than anticipated, thus the problems. Councillor Sam Crockett said "RDCK accepted the lowest bid, so we have low quality service."

Jessen responded, "RDCK is trying to get the best bargain for taxpayers' bucks, so we quite often take the lowest bid—but sometimes that backfires. We got the message loud and clear that the people of Nakusp want better recycling facilities, and they will get them, hopefully by the start of the new contract." (Ace's contract is up in Feb.)

Trautman said, "I'm working on a new contract, a whole new proposal now, taking into consideration the first contract (with Ace), new info, and the fact that Nakusp produces more garbage than anticipated... If the new contract is a continuation of what there is now, those bins will have to be committed to be emptied twice a day, or there could be a different system such as "roll-off containers," which are metal containers 20' long by 8' wide, divided into compartments. There's a lot more room, and the whole container can be loaded onto a truck."

Also being discussed is moving the recycling facilities from behind the Village office to the Arena grounds.

Jessen concluded, "Last year Nakusp dumped 8,000 cubic meters of garbage in the landfill, 40% (3,200 cubic meters) of that was recyclable, which could have reduced the amount to 4,800 cubic meters."

## Children and Family Services

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Denver, Needles, Edgewood, Galena Bay and Trout Lake); and Grand Forks.

Special considerations are acknowledged regarding access to services, travel time, winter road conditions, and limited public and private bus transportation in rural areas.

The Draft proposes the development of Children and Family Services Centres "in locations where the populations are clustered," providing a single site from which numerous services can be delivered, which would be run by a contracted Community Development Officer operating under direction from a Social, Health and Education Planning Committee comprised of Ministry staff, a contractor representative, client group representatives, municipal and/or regional district, police, and service club representatives. This Committee may link directly with Community Health Councils, in an effort to ensure that there is "community partnership in a real way in the management process..."

NDCS Administrator Doug Orr met with the new Ministry's Operations Manager Tim Stiles to discuss anticipated program delivery changes. He said, "This is certainly going to change the way we do business, because it will be an integrated model where direct service staff will work from the same location as contracted staff. The concern of NDCS, which is owned by the community, is to provide open access to our counselling and community programs, while combining with the mandate of the Ministry to protect the child."

Stiles indicated to Orr that they plan to survey clients of all the programs under the new Ministry as an aid to determining how to deliver services—and where to deliver them from. NDCS is lobbying to have two centres: one in the hospital annex in New Denver, and one in the NDCS building in Nakusp.

Orr anticipates that running multiple programs out of these centres would provide huge administrative savings. "There's no question," he said, "that reducing administration costs of running 12 individual contracts... if reduced to one contract would mean we could redirect that money into services."

He concluded, "We had the model for these services already developed by the community. I am optimistic that we can adapt the Health Council community based program model to *McFamily*."

## ICBC Reform Options Unveiled—Decision Due After Feb.

At a Jan. 21 press conference, Andrew Petter, Minister Responsible for ICBC, released the KPMG report on the auto insurance system. KPMG, the consulting firm hired by the province, had concluded that the current insurance system is no longer affordable because of soaring costs (up 158% in the last 10 years). They have offered a number of options for reform of the system, plus recommendations for a comprehensive approach to road safety, product reform and cost-saving strategies that may help extend the ICBC rate freeze.

Insurance options detailed in the report included two "liability" insurance options (including the current system); two "injury" insurance options (commonly referred to as "no-fault" insurance) that limit litigation and two options that combine elements of both liability and injury insurance systems.

These recommendations will be reviewed by Doug Allen, appointed by Petter in Dec. to consult with stakeholders and identify options for ICBC. His report is expected by the end of Feb. No changes will be made to the insurance system until after this report is completed.

## Village of New Denver

### NOTICE

Residents are reminded that there is a \$15.00 discount on all dog licenses purchased prior to January 31, 1997. All dogs within the municipality are required to be licensed. Numerous complaints have been received in the municipal office regarding dogs, both licensed and unlicensed, running at large. The village will begin an active program for Animal Control under its Municipal Ticketing Bylaw commencing February 1, 1997. The following offenses are subject to fines:

1. Fail to obtain a dog license.....\$25.00
2. Dogs running at large.....\$50.00
3. Fails to wear current numbered tag.....\$25.00
4. Interfere with Animal control Officer.....\$50.00

**EVEN DOGS WHICH ARE RESTRAINED ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED**



## ELECTORAL AREA K THE ARROW LAKES

### DRAFT RURAL LAND USE BYLAW

#### OPEN HOUSES

The Regional District of Central Kootenay has completed a second draft of a Rural Land Use Bylaw for lands within **Electoral Area K - The Arrow Lakes**. The Bylaw identifies general objectives, policies and regulations for the future development of lands within the Bylaw Area.

Public Open Houses are scheduled in the following communities: (All open houses are scheduled from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.)

**Monday, February 3, 1997**  
Edgewood Legion Hall - Edgewood

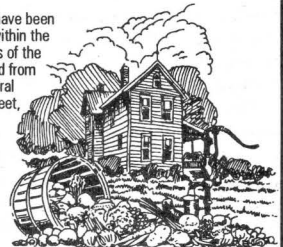
**Tuesday, February 4, 1997**  
Nakusp Seniors' Centre - 8th Avenue N.W., Nakusp

**Wednesday, February 12, 1997**  
Burton Community Hall - Burton

**Thursday, February 13, 1996**  
Fauquier Community Hall - Fauquier

Copies of the second draft have been sent to all rural addresses within the Plan Area. Additional copies of the Draft Bylaw may be obtained from the Regional District of Central Kootenay at 601 Vernon Street, Nelson, B.C. V1L 4E9, or from the Village Hall office in Nakusp.

For more information, please contact Dave Wahn at (250) 352-8159 or 1-800-268-7325



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**PLEASE RECYCLE  
THE VALLEY VOICE**



# Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in published letters are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Valley Voice.

To the Editor:

The junk mail situation in this town is serious, and getting worse. Piles of junk mail fill the Post Office, crying like little puppies for someone to take them home. The new tipping fees at the dump may force the Village into receivership. Something must be done!

Many people believe that the junk mailers should send about 100 fliers and stick them on the shelf under the UIC news—anyone who wants one can get it. This solution, however simple and cost effective, is short-sighted. Advertisers want us all to read the stuff, and the Federal Govt. wants money for shoving it down our throats.

My solution attacks the problem from the opposite direction—simply print all the coupons on rolls of toilet paper (the good stuff, not recycled steel wool!). Put a coupon on every fifth sheet. Now, you can't just leaf through and throw it away. You have to go slowly so you don't miss anything. Have some free 2-for pizza coupons to get the teenagers interested. Lottery tickets? The list is endless.

The advertisers are happy, because almost everyone who can read uses toilet paper; and the Post Office gets paid to deliver it. Plus, it won't fit into my box.

Every theory must be tested, of course. The Post Office could do this by placing a case lot of toilet paper next to an equal weight of conventional junk mail—come back at the end of the day and see which one is gone. Try it the next day, too. I'm almost out.

David Haslebacher  
New Denver

To the Editor:

I'm compelled to write concerning the Dec. 19 report *Truck Passes Car on Foggy Road—Fatal Accident Results*. The...paragraph struck me a bit oddly: "It is believed that the logging truck was attempting to pass another southbound vehicle when the oncoming car emerged through shifting fog." It seemed to be saying that the appearance of the car was an unexpected occurrence. In fact, for the car to be northbound in the northbound lane was entirely appropriate. For the truck to be southbound in the northbound lane was not.

Please be careful not to write history from the perspective of the victor—ie, the survivor. It puts a subtle but unfortunate bias on a very sad and preventable event, and shifts the focus from where it should rightly be.

Patricia McGreal

To the Editor:

As the 21-year-old youth coordinator representing Turtle Island Earth Stewards (in Winlaw), I'm writing in regards to government's apparent lack of concern to fulfill their obligation to educate and inform the public on critical issues that directly affect ecosystems and the forest industry, for our generation and many more to come.

After realizing the implications of the Kootenay/Boundary Land Use Plan, Implementation Strategy on our community, our organization, dedicated to responsible husbandry of our lands and resources, felt compelled to ask that government use the extended time period (Feb. 28/97) to implement, and listen to, community and focus groups with extensive knowledge pertinent to the potential impact of the draft Implementation Strategy.

Governments' blatant disregard for education is not only demon-

strated by actions involving the Implementation Strategy, it has forced itself into education programs designed for the youth in our area.

STEP (Skills, Training, Employment Project) at Six Mile, Nelson, is a perfect example of this. This organization has an outstanding history of safety education and training youth in forestry...I believe that with proper awareness of this project, its extinction wouldn't be a consideration.

Education, negotiation, and cooperation are the fundamental building blocks of our society. In order for us to ensure a solid future for ourselves and generations to come, we must be educated, given a say, and be heard! Please educate yourselves on these issues; call me at 355-2341 or Turtle Island Earth Stewards at 226-7031, and help give our children a voice.

Loretta Thomason

To the Editor:

My friend and neighbour Jim Demers is confined to jail awaiting trial. Let's examine his "crime." He is separated from his family and treated like a criminal for peacefully stating that "Every human being has the inherent right to life" (UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights). He also stated that "The (right to life) shall be protected by law and, in general, from conception." (Organization of American States' Declaration on Human Rights). In discussions with others about Jim, I've heard him called a fool and "worse than in infidel!" because he isn't at home looking after his family. Those who are aware of what is at stake, support, admire and respect Jim and his family.

So what are the issues: Jim is feeling the full force of the State because he dared to obey his con-

science rather than its authoritarian dictates. Jim exercised his freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in defense of the innocent unborn child in an area where the NDP decreed he could not do such (the bubble zone). The socialists responded like Nazis (national socialists). They lock him up and attempt to silence him. Common sense tells anyone willing to listen that a fetus is a human being from conception. It is wrong to arbitrarily terminate human life one month after conception or 70 years after conception. Both Divine and Natural Law are against such selfish and arbitrary acts.

...By taking a stand, Jim Demers is doing everything he possibly can do to look after the future of his family and the society we are all a part of.

Brian Zacharias  
Nelson

To the Editor:

My name is *Buddy*, and my head hurts. The Vet says I can go home in a few days, but I'll possibly never see out of my left eye. I can't hear very well in my left ear, and my shoulders hurt...all because I'm a dog and I chase things.

I didn't know that loose rabbit was somebody's pet, and *really* what do I know about fences? It was fun, right up to the time that the human hit me three times on the head with that hard thing (they called it an axe). After he hit me, I didn't know where I was or who I was. I just had to get away.

Luckily, my owners called me with their familiar voices, and through

the haze I headed for them.

The large thing (still holding the axe) was shouting human noises at my master, who was trying to comfort me.

I tried to walk with them to "home," but I could hardly stand up. They finally got me into "my" yard and "my" shed. From there, I was taken to the Vet.

Hope I get to see that familiar place again soon.

Buddy Stabler  
Slocan

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### Arrow Forest District

The Arrow Forest District invites all interested individuals and groups to view and comment on Watershed Restoration Program Plans.

Public viewing will take place on the following dates and locations. Please note that Watershed Restoration Plans include works that may impact historic road access. In addition to these viewing opportunities, plans are also available for viewing at the office of the Ministry of Forests, Castlegar office, written comments concerning these plans must be received by April 14, 1997.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	AREA OF CONCERN
Feb. 6/97	Castlegar Sandman Inn	3:00-9:00 pm	Bowman, Michaud & Cinnamon Creeks
Feb. 11/97	Edgewood Legion	1:00-5:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	Inonoaklin & Eagle Creeks
Feb. 11/97	Nakusp Legion	3:00-9:00 pm	Fish River, Fullmer-Marlow Creeks, Wilkie Creek
Feb. 12/97	Nakusp Legion	3:00-9:00 pm	Fish River, Fullmer-Marlow Creeks, Wilkie Creek, Wilson & Hoder Creeks
Feb. 13/97	Slocan Silvery Slocan Hall	3:00-9:00 pm	Hoder & Wilson Creeks
Mar. 6/97	Castlegar Sandman Inn	12:00-7:00 pm	Erie Creek

For further information please contact George Edney, Watershed Restoration Forester, the Ministry of Forests, 845 Columbia Ave., Castlegar, B.C., V1N 1H3 or by telephone at (250) 365-8600.

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# Garden Column

by Ray Nikkel



I had such a good time doing this week's column — gardeners are so enthusiastic about their seed companies and their special varieties of seed.

My first contact was with Janet Spicer, who, with her father Chris, has the most wonderful organic vegetable market garden in Nakusp. I know of no one else who devotes so much time to ensure her crops are grown with the very best seed, fertilizer and soil conditions.

One of Janet's favourite suppliers is Shepherd's Seeds (30 Irene St., Torrington, Conn., USA, 06790, phone: 860/482, 3638). The seeds are expensive, but each variety has been researched to be the very best. For instance, Janet orders their *Jericho* lettuce, which was developed in Israel to withstand tip burn, and to be very tender. They also have in-depth information on how to grow everything.

Janet finds Stokes Seeds Ltd. (39 James St., Box 10, St. Catherines, Ont., L2R 6R6, phone: 905/688-4300) to be very affordable, and in the last few years they have expanded their untreated seed offerings. Janet particularly likes their cabbage and carrot varieties, and enjoys trying the new varieties they offer every year.

Another Canadian supplier is Vesey's Seeds Ltd. (York, Prince Edward Island, COA 1P0, phone: 902/368-7333). Janet mentioned that

maturations dates in Canadian catalogues are almost always right, but with American catalogues she usually adds two weeks to the date, except those for cool season areas. Vesey's high points are their maturation dates and their new releases each year.

Johnny's Selected Seeds (Foshill Rd., Albion, Maine, USA, 04910-9731, phone: 207/437-4395) is great for salad and squash varieties.

For flower lovers, the ultimate catalogue is Park Seeds (Cokesbury Rd., Greenwood, South Carolina, USA, 29647-0001, phone: 1/800-845-3366), with great photos for almost everything.

Territorial Seeds (8475 Ontario St., Unit 206, Vancouver, BC, V5X 3E8, phone: 604/482-8800) is Canadian and takes an organic approach to horticulture. They have wonderful descriptions of green manuring, and soil health and care. Seeds developed for Coastal BC (which has similarities with our area), with interesting greens and salad varieties are high points of this company. Janet also stressed that she chooses her vegetables for taste, not for how well they ship.

William Dam Seeds (PO Box 8400, Dundas, Ont., L9H 6M1, phone: 905/628-6641) is the catalogue of choice for Trudy Broughton of New Denver. The seeds never fail, always germinate, and, being of Dutch heritage, Trudy likes the fact that they have European bean seeds. She describes the beans as "meaty, slender, and they don't go to seed too quickly." She particularly mentioned a variety called *Montano* which is described as "an improved Dutch princess variety."

Carma Sherrod of Hills, like myself, is an avid plant collector and landscaper. Her catalogues reflect this, with Pickering Nurseries Inc. (670 Kingston Rd., Pickering, Ontario, L1V 1A6, Phone: 905/839-2111) carrying hard-to-find, rare and antique roses.

Ferncliff Gardens (8394 Mc Taggart St., Mission, BC, V2V 6S6, phone: 604/826-2447) has a wide variety of dahlias, daylilies, iris, gladiolas and peonies.

Carma's favourite catalogue for browsing and buying is Rainforest Gardens (13139-224 St., RR #2, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 7E7). Advertised as primarily a "shade" perennial catalogue, it also contains an excellent list of companion plants for sun. It has Latin names, very detailed plant descriptions and, best of all, plants arrive in excellent condition.

For herb plants and seeds, with plants again arriving in good condition, Carma uses Richters Herb Catalogue (Goodwood, Ontario, L0C 1A0, phone: 905/640-6677).

Just a little plug for Salt Spring Seeds—this is the book for serious gardeners, with incredible lettuces, a huge selection of drying beans, and various grains with no hulls for easy threshing. The catalogue also goes into detail on how to save your own seeds. A very ethical business.

I'm afraid that's all the interviewees I can fit into this column. I know, along with our magazines, we can fill weeks reading and browsing.

Ray Nikkel is landscape designer with Valley Landscape Nursery.

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## Recycling—It Doesn't Always Pay in the Short Term

Recycling can cost money, according to Ace Disposals owner Dean Kattler. Ace holds the recycling contract from Castlegar through the Slokan Valley into Nakusp. "It's tough," stated Kattler. "It's been like this the better part of a year. The recycling industry is losing millions of dollars... a case of virgin paper can be purchased for less than recycled. Mixed paper, which is the majority of paper re-cycled, was \$100 a ton a year and a half ago—now it's \$50, so you're paying to get rid of it."

"Cardboard and newspaper was the gravy," he continued. "Newspaper was at \$210 US—now it's down to \$40 a ton."

He said that while tin and glass never gave a "high return," it is now actually costing him to dispose of it. "I've got 50,000 pounds of glass. Instead of the company sending me a cheque for it, now I get an invoice to pay."

Kattler is very frustrated, and said, "In Nelson, the RDCK funds the whole recycling program, and it doesn't make any difference how

much they make back because the taxpayers pay in the end. But what I sell a product for *does* matter, since I'm only paid the same amount [on contract] per month."

RDCK Recycling Co-ordinator Michael Jessen said, "We do want to sell the stuff we take in to offset what the taxpayer pays." He agreed with some of Kattler's points, but pointed out, "Recycling is very cyclical—in every 10 years, three will be a seller's market, and seven will be a buyer's market. It's a very complex issue. One example is cardboard: in 1990, net revenue was \$30.30/ton, in 1991, it was \$38.62, in 1992 \$33.42... by 1995 it was up to \$148.92... and in 1996 it was \$22.56. There was a downturn in 1996... there was not as much manufacturing and demand for cardboard boxes. Another influence is the Pacific Rim—countries such as Japan, Taiwan and China... have cut down all their trees and go on a buying spree every 2-3 years..."

Jessen did agree wholeheartedly with Kattler that there needs to be more use of recycled paper, and said,

"The government can do things to encourage the industry, like putting Recycled Content legislation in place..." and added, "The problem with recycling plastics... revolves around our attitude. We have always been the resource basket to the world, and our tax structure is for continued use as a resource extractor. Industries engaged primarily in resource extraction pay a lower tax rate than those involved in the production of secondary (recycled) materials. A study by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment concluded that the Canadian tax system subsidizes the production of virgin materials at the expense of recycling."

He suggested that ending the system of tax breaks that makes it cheaper to produce virgin metal and paper than to recycle it, would make secondary materials competitive and would "improve recycling markets, start new manufacturing industries, create jobs, stimulate economic growth and lower the cost of products made from recycled materials."

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## An All-Bach Evening at the Bonnington

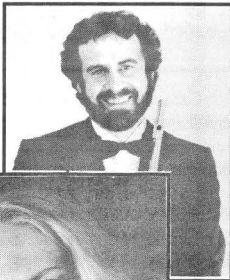
An evening of Bach, played by flautist Robert Bick and pianist Roslyn Frantz, is in store at the Bonnington Saturday, Feb. 8. The original concert (posted in the brochures) was cancelled due to severe illness of one of the performers, but Miss Frantz was preparing another series of concerts with Bick, and the Arrow Lakes Arts Council was able to get them instead.

Miss Frantz, a resident of the Okanagan Valley, is well-known throughout the Kootenays. She will perform both as a soloist and accompanist in the all-Bach evening.

Bick is new to the area, having moved to the Slocan Valley from Toronto in 1993. He founded the Galliard Ensemble, which for 10 years was one of Canada's foremost chamber music groups. He will perform with Miss Frantz, as well as presenting some pieces for flute alone.

Bick has performed and recorded a wide array of music from Baroque to avant garde, and has received rave reviews throughout Europe and North America.

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## Prepare Now for Valentine's Day Poetry Passion-fest

by Caroline Woodward

Cold hands, warm heart? Cold feet, hot lips? Anyone possessing any combination of these qualities is invited to the Third Annual (more or less) St. Valentine's Poetry Confessional at Silverton Gallery on (yes!) Feb. 14. The Slocan Lake Gallery Society is proudly sponsoring this no holds barred passion-fest as one of its fundraisers. As in the past, brave soul can sing, dance, mime, recite, juggle, fire... whatever it takes to get the point across to your loved one in four (4) minutes flat!

Prizes, sweet treats and a guaranteed good time for all. Please register in advance, or ask for more information at the Motherlode Bookstore by Feb. 12.

## Winter Blues Boogie Your Chance to Shake the Winter Blues

by Fran Wallis

Dance those blues and that flu away, at the *Winter Blues Boogie* with Dr. Fun and the Nightcrawlers, Feb. 1 at Silverton Memorial Hall.

This is the fourth annual *Winter Blues Boogie* with this eight-piece rhythm and blues group from the Grand Forks area. Appealing to all tastes, this high energy dance band features a hot brass section that does well with the good acoustics in the hall. This year, Hills resident Helen Davis will appear as a guest vocalist. She is a member of the *Euphorics*, a Vancouver a capella group.

Dancing begins at 9:00 PM, and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. All proceeds from this event go to the Slocan Lake Gallery Society.

The *Winter Blues Boogie* promises to be sold out, so get your advance tickets early—from the Broadway Deli in Nakusp, The Apple Tree and Motherlode Books in New Denver, and Silverton Hotel in Silverton. This is an adults only event.



## Ground Hog Day Celebration Will Help Support Seniors Housing

Want to hear some old time fiddling, roast a hot dog on the bonfire, watch the ground hog show up to see his shadow? Then put it all together and come out to celebrate the donation of land for a seniors' housing project in Passmore on Sunday, Feb. 2, Ground Hog Day, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, with a short ceremony at 2:00. The party is for everyone of all ages, and the Hall will be open to keep warm and visit inside as well as out.

It's a great occasion—the first major step toward building seniors' housing in the southern Slocan Valley. A group of families has donated 2.5 acres right next to the Passmore Hall for the project. Woodworking students at Mt. Sentinel are working on a big sign to mark the future building site. This sign will be erected at approx. 2:00 PM on the afternoon of the celebration. Rumour has it the Ground Hog may wake up from his long slumber to look for the sun and show his support for the project.

This event marks the efforts of many people in coming this far; thanks the community for its support; and thanks the families who donated the land. Please come celebrate with family and friends.

## Silverton Gallery Plans for Regional Juried Show in May

The 18th regional juried art show, *Celebrate Kootenay Boundary Regional Art Exhibit*, will be held at the Silverton Gallery, opening May 3 and remaining on exhibit through May 11. Plans being made for the Gala Opening Weekend by the Slocan Lake Gallery Society, host arts council for this year, include studio visits, demonstration workshops, a tour of the Nikkei Japanese Memorial Centre, critiques and an open discussion with jurors on *Art in Nature in Art*. Jurors this year are Eli Bornstein, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Art Dept. at the Univ. of Saskatchewan; and Courtney Anderson, faculty member of Kootenay School of the Arts.

Some changes have been made in this year's show. As a part of the restructuring of the BC Festival of the Arts *Images & Objects* show (now to be called *ArtWORK*), only three pieces may be chosen from each regional show, with the remainder to come from submissions of slides by individual artists. The Exhibition Committee decided that participation for this year was not in its best interest. Artists still have the option of entering slide submissions directly to *ArtWORK*, BC Festival of the Arts, 300-764 Yates St., Victoria, BC, V8W 1L4. Entry deadline is Feb. 10.

At the regional show, jurors will select several works of merit for a tour of the Kootenay Boundary region, as well as awarding some cash prizes.

The regional show is open to all artists and media, although there will be some size limits due to the exhibition space. Entry forms will be sent by the end of Feb. to all artists who submitted work last year in Grand Forks. Any other interested artists may contact their local arts council or write to Silverton Gallery, Box 123, Silverton, BC V0G 2B0. Entry deadline will be Apr. 11. For further information, please call Lorna Obermayr at 250/358-7965.

## Visual Arts Alliance Second Meeting Planned

The Alliance of Pacific Visual Artists will hold its second meeting at the Kootenay School of the Arts, 503 Front St., Nelson, on Sunday, Jan. 26, 6:00 PM. Any visual artists interested in being part of a brave new province-wide organization run by artists to promote and support the visual arts in BC are encouraged to attend. The provincial and regional future of APVA will continue to be discussed, and there will be an opportunity to brainstorm what, where, who, why and how artists want to be represented.

For more information or to contribute ideas please call APVA regional rep Jessi Ellingson at 1/250-352-1743.

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# Bizwit Small Business Tips

by Paul von Wittgenstein

Effectiveness and efficiency are not the same thing and although these terms are often used interchangeably, they have different meanings. In business we measure efficiency in terms of quantity, quality, time, cost and profit margin. People who are really efficient will produce or sell more than their peers. Efficient people need less supervision because they understand the task at hand.

Work methods, procedures and systems can also be rated for efficiency. For example, using the X method we can produce 20 widgets an hour at a cost of \$1 per widget; but by using the Y method we can produce 25 widgets an hour at a cost of 75¢ per widget. We can agree that Y seems a more efficient method production. But is this effective?

Effectiveness focuses on defining the problem to be solved and then ensuring that efforts are aimed at the correct end result. The required goal or target has been clearly defined. Then everything we do leads us to that goal along the most direct path. Effective people find out what needs to be done and then achieve it. Being effective means identifying what we really need to do, and then sticking to it.

The difference then between effectiveness and efficiency is this:

**Efficiency is doing the thing the right way.** There is no better way to do the thing that you are doing, the method or system cannot be improved upon.

**Effectiveness is doing the right thing to begin with.** It is knowing clearly what you want to achieve first, then your efforts are applied to solve the right problem.

In business we should concentrate on being effective first and efficient second. Because, it really doesn't matter how efficiently you can produce widgets if they are the wrong widgets to start with.

Until next time, good business to you.

## Sandon Power to be Supplied by Silversmith

BC Utilities Commission Secretary Rob Pellatt confirmed that Silversmith Power & Light Corporation (SPLC) owner Hal Wright purchased the Silversmith generating station and distribution system in Sandon from Tremincio Resources Ltd. in Nov. SPLC will provide electrical power to approximately seven homes in Sandon. Pellatt advised that planned upgrades include refurbishing the method of getting power to customers.

Residents will be required to pay \$150 interest bearing security, the cost of inspected upgrading (from pole to home) to install meters, and a \$100 connection charge. The cost of the meters will be born by SPLC. A flat monthly rate of \$75 will be charged during the transition period. Power will then be supplied at a metered rate of .075¢/kilowatt hour, with a minimum monthly charge of \$75.

Mr. Dow at Nelson's Safety Engineering Services (Electrical Inspections) advised that residents will need certified, registered and bonded trades persons to do the electrical upgrading. Poles will be put in and there will be joint poles with BC Tel. Dow advised that all utilities are inspected annually through an Annual Utility Permit application. Costs for upgrading the system are submitted in an application to BC Utilities for approval and, if approved, amortized over a number of years and passed back to the consumer.

## Chamber Has Decisions to Make at AGM

The Slovan District Chamber of Commerce will hold its AGM on Wednesday, Jan 29, at 7:00 PM in the Silverton Gallery. 1997 memberships will be available, and only paid-up members will be allowed to vote.

Before the election of officers for the new year, a short business meeting will take place. A final vote will be taken on whether to change the name of the Chamber from *Slovan District Chamber of Commerce to New Denver and Silverton Chamber of Commerce*. It will also be decided whether to move the southern boundary of the Chamber's area from Lemon Creek to the Cape Horn Bluffs.

Reports will be given on Rosebery Bluffs signage, 6th Ave. bike racks, and Forest Renewal BC.

Membership rates will remain the same: Individual, \$25; Non-profit organization, \$35; Business with 1-2 employees, \$45; with 3-6 employees, \$55; over 6 employees, \$65.

As a small group of volunteers the Chamber accomplished a lot in the last year. Only with your participation can we do more.

## Columbia Trust Seeks Input for Long Term Planning

The Columbia Basin Trust is now creating a first draft of its long term management plans, and seeks public input. These plans will provide criteria for how the Trust will invest its capital funds, and how it will re-invest or spend the money earned from these investments.

The Trust has developed a workbook which explains the history and purpose of the Trust and outlines some draft policy for comment. It also has a section on social, environmental and economic benefits where the Trust has not yet developed policy. The Trust wants people to give their ideas on developing criteria for delivering these benefits to their communities, and to the Basin as a whole. The workbook, which was originally developed for use in facilitated community outreach sessions, is easy to get—call 1/800-505-8998, and one will be mailed to you.

It is also easy to use—once you have reviewed the material, write down your ideas on the coloured tear-out sheets in the workbook and send them back to the Trust. If you have questions about the information in the workbook, call the toll free line and a staff person will assist you. Input received by Feb. 15 will be combined with ideas received from people around the Basin, and will be reflected in the draft plans.

The first draft plans will be presented to the public at the next Symposium, scheduled for Apr. 11-13 in Revelstoke. The contract for planning and delivery of this Symposium has been awarded to a team of consultants who are resident in the Basin. A group from Community Futures Development Corp. (CFDC) Enterprise Centre in Revelstoke are working with Susan Mulkey and Assoc., based in Argenta, as joint partners.

## Medical Expenses—How to Make Them Deductible

by Mark Adams, CGA

Many people give up trying to claim medical expenses on their tax returns because they think they don't have enough to qualify. The first 3% of your net income is not deductible—for example, if you have an income of \$30,000, the first \$900 of medical expenses is not deductible. This is true up to \$1,614 in medical expenses, and then the threshold doesn't go any higher.

There are a few ideas that *might* make your claim deductible.

Since we live in a remote area, we often have to drive long distances to get the medical services that we need. Trips of over 40 km each way are deductible. Revenue Canada allows a flat rate of 31¢/km for the first 5,000 km, and 25¢/km after that. A trip from Silverton to Nelson and return, for instance, is worth \$62. Those trips can add up! Of course, the travel is only deductible if you have to make the trip; it's not deductible if you just like a dentist in Nelson better. For trips of over 80 km one way, you can also claim meals and accommodation.

If you're married or common-law, put all the family's medical expenses on the lower income earner if they are

## COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

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## PROPOSED FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN, FIVE YEAR SILVICULTURE PLAN AND WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that Slovan Forest Products Ltd, Slovan Division, will hold a public viewing of their proposed development plan, five year silviculture plan and watershed restoration plan for Tree Farm Licence #3 and Forest Licence A20192.

These draft plans show the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting; road development, maintenance and deactivation. The plans also include information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. They are available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests. All approved operational plans and higher level plans that encompass the development area will be made available for viewing at this time.

The plans will be available for review at the following locations:

Licence	Location	Date	Time
T.F.L. #3	Silvery Slovan Social Centre	Feb. 13, 1997	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
F.L. A20192	Silvery Slovan Social Centre	Feb. 13, 1997	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Nakusp Royal Can. Legion Hall	Feb. 12, 1997	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Representatives from Slovan Forest Products Ltd. will be available to discuss the proposed plans and receive comments.

If any interested parties are unable to review the proposed plans during these times, arrangements can be made to view the plans at a mutually agreeable time at Slovan Forest Products Ltd.'s office. For those unable to travel to Slovan Forest Products Ltd.'s office, the plan can also be viewed at the Arrow Forest District office after the initial public review. All comments must be submitted to and received by Slovan Forest Products Ltd. by March 20, 1997.

Please contact Alex Ferguson, R.P.F. at (250) 355-2100 or in writing at Slovan Forest Products Ltd., 705 Delany Ave., Slovan, B.C., V0G 2C0

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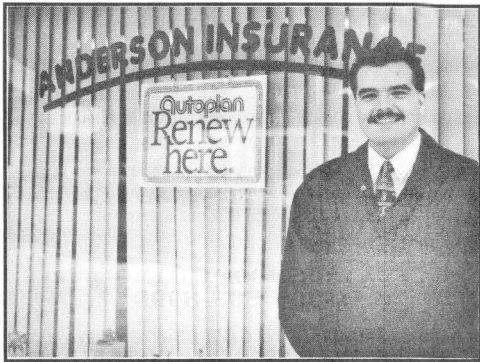
taxable. This reduces the threshold amount.

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## Anderson Insurance Agencies Opens Office in New Denver



Anderson Insurance Agencies Ltd., now on New Denver's Main St., purchased New Denver Insurance and opened for business Jan. 2. The family has owned and operated an insurance agency for years—they just celebrated the 50th anniversary of their Castlegar office last Sept.

Family member Scott Moorey explained, "This was a good business opportunity—the price was right, and there was no other agent in the trading area."

At AIA, you can get full ICBC coverage, general insurance (homes, businesses and recreational), and Motor Vehicle office services—you can renew your driver's license, for instance. They have "a great home-based business package: you can add it on to regular house coverage, and increase the liability and business contents coverage for less than having two different policies."

They also have a very knowledgeable life insurance representative, who will travel to the customer's home to discuss their insurance needs.

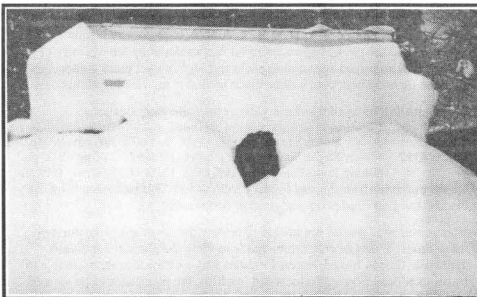
Other options they now offer at the New Denver office include temporary vehicle operating permits, senior's discount packages, new home claim free discounts, and travel insurance.

Moorey said, "We are an independent insurance broker, representing seven different insurance companies—so we can offer lots of selection, and can tailor a policy to suit the needs of each individual or business. We are committed to the community, and we're here for the long haul."

Not only that, but they are set up to take pre-authorized monthly payments.

Do check out Anderson Insurance Agencies in New Denver for all your insurance needs.

## Avalanche Danger Rated Extreme...



by Mary Wagner

Kevin Koester returned home in the early morning hours of Jan. 8 to stare in befuddled amazement at the solid sheet of snow that had slid off the roof and covered the entire front of his house. Koester kicked an entrance hole through the sheet of snow and spent an good portion of the day sharing this interesting looking effect with no-less-impressed friends.

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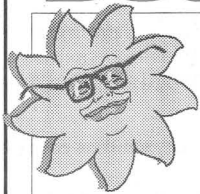
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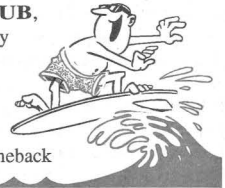
# Wylie's

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## Beach Party



Finally, we have escaped the long and cold Canadian winter. It is Feb. 1st—imagine we are travelling somewhere in Mexico. The heat is extreme and the only place to be is **WYLIE'S PUB**, right on the beach. It's Saturday and a great beach party is on today. People are friendly and relaxed. Everybody is having a good time. The Beach Boys seem to have made another comeback and *Cuba Libre* is the drink of the season. Surfin' and Scuba Diving have become everybody's passion.



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# Catastrophic Events Shatter Sinixt Nation in 18th Century

## Government Declares Tribe Extinct

This is the second of a three-part series on the history and current status of the indigenous people of the Slokan and Arrow Lakes Valleys.

by Mary Wagner

The Sinixt, a semi-nomadic people considered the Mother Tribe to people of the surrounding areas, inhabited this region since time immemorial. They had an extensive material culture, their own form of government, and spiritual beliefs integrated into their daily life.

By the late 1700s, a series of catastrophic events would occur that would shatter the Sinixt Nation.

"When the British Crown decided," recounted Marilyn James, Spokesperson for the Sinixt Nation, "that they needed the territory...needed to assimilate the Indians...needed more control...Who do you suppose they're going to attack first? They're going to attack the strongest leadership role in the community...those are the people they want to break the back of first. So when the authorities decided to break the back of the Sinixt People, they decided to commit genocide...and conducted the first germ warfare, by sending in smallpox blankets..." The blankets were brought in along the greasy trails, trails used by the Sinixt people themselves.

"When the first of five shipments of blankets arrived," continued James, "my people were diminished by 50%. People were dying everywhere, left and right...It wiped out entire villages. Then another wave of blankets arrived, and again 50% died...and another shipment...My people started to leave. They were absorbed...into other communities."

By the early 1800s, a decimated population of Sinixt was still evident in the Arrow Lakes and other areas.

In May of 1814, a fur trader named Gabriel Franchere met a small band of Sinixt on the banks of the Columbia River near the head of Upper Arrow Lake. He wrote, "The women at this camp were busy spinning the coarse wool of the mountain sheep. They had blankets or mantels, woven or plaited of the same material, with a heavy fringe all around. I would gladly have purchased one of these, but as we were to carry all our baggage on our backs across the mountains, was forced to relinquish the idea."

In 1823, John Work wrote of the same camp in his *John Work Journal*, "They had a number of small dogs. Some beaver skins were traded from them. Also a few dried salmon...a little dried meat...some very good nuts were also got from them."

In April 1827, a Lakes camp of three lodges near Deer Park on the Lower Arrow Lake was noted by David Douglas, who wrote, "Purchased of them a little dried reindeer meat and a little black bear, of which we have just made a comfortable supper. They seem to live comfortably, many skins of black tailed, rein and red deer being in their possession. I purchased a little wool of mountain goat as a specimen of the quality of the wool; gave seven balls and the same number of charges for it."

These are only a few of the stories

recorded from this era.

By the mid-1850s, gold was discovered in BC. While this is a period of time much touted as a "glorious" and "unsurpassed" era by such historians as Bill Barlee (*Gold Trails and Ghost Towns*, CHBC), it is a time in Sinixt history of brutality and murder.

Officials of the colonial government at Fort Vancouver had been receiving dispatches from Fort Shepard, a Hudson's Bay Co. fort near Waneta, which mentioned the growing tension between the Sinixt and the gold miners. "We must exercise great caution and vigilance in that quarter, as I fear there is likely to be trouble between the gold diggers and the natives," was the message received in 1857 from Sir G. Simpson. Officials sent back orders to "be careful not to encourage them to resist the influx of gold diggers or we may become embroiled in serious difficulties." (1857, Hudson's Bay Co. Archives)

Among many tales of horrific experiences passed down among the Lakes people is this one by Carmelita Campbell (Sinixt), recorded in a taped interview. Campbell was telling the story of how her ancestors had guided some white people up into the BC mountains to find gold. "That night, white people came back and started slaughtering the Indians so they won't tell anybody else...I heard it from my folks."

It was also around this time that the Colville Reservation was split in half. It was originally called Fort Colville, and consisted of several different co-federated tribes. "There is no Colville Tribe," said Robert Watt, Caretaker of the Sinixt Burial Grounds.

This area includes part of the traditional Sinixt territory which crosses the US/Canada border. The Lakes people have never acknowledged, and do not now acknowledge, this border.

In the North Half, located south of the 48th Parallel, 1,500,000 acres were opened up because of the discovery of gold in the northern part of Washington State, pushing the Lakes people back and cutting them off from the rest of their territory.

When W.G. Cox, acting as the Gold Commissioner for the colonial government, arrived in the interior in 1861, he encountered a desperate people attempting to defend their homeland against the miners from the south. Cox warned the miners and the Sinixt not to bother each other, and posted the area at the mouth of the Kootenay River on the north side of its confluence with the Columbia, as the Brilliant Reserve.

This area was already a well established Lakes village called *Kp'it'els*. As recently as March 9,

1911, the Sinixt burial grounds overlooking the junction of the two rivers was used to inter the remains of Marie Ann Christie (Sinixt).

Archaeologist James Baker found evidence in 1983 that shows that this village was occupied for at least 4,500 years.

This first reserve at Brilliant was soshort-lived that none but the Sinixt, who had lived there for over 4,000 years, mourned its passing.

When W.G. Cox was replaced as Gold Commissioner by J.C. Haynes, the reservation at *Kp'it'els* was mysteriously transformed into the "Townsite of Haynesville." A 1915 document from the Inspector of Indian Agencies states that Haynes "must have committed fraud to obtain the 198 acres."

In *People of Terra Nullius*, Boyce Richardson wrote, "In 1911, a new law allowed that any reserve adjoining a town of at least 8,000 people could be expropriated, even against Indian opposition. This was a complete rupture with the traditional trust relationship, but the Minister of the Interior, Frank Oliver, said the government should never allow Indian rights 'to become a wrong to the white man.'"

By 1914, the Lakes people had been forced to retreat to the far edges of their territory and beyond. The government recorded only one family of Sinixt remaining in Canada, that of Alexander Christie, who resided at Brilliant and wrote the following to the Royal Commission on Indian Reserves:

"I am one of the few survivors of the band of the Lake tribe living at the mouth of the Kootenay River...I have heard that our Indian Agent, Galbraith, has said that I have come here lately from parts unknown...I was born there...my ancestors have belonged there as far back as I can trace...My parents were born there. For about 16 years...my father...my brother...or I have been speaking to our agent about this. We have also had the matter brought before the Indian Department and were promised a reserve, but nothing has resulted.

"However, until last year we have been unmolested...then the Doukhobors sought our land, and we learned...that they bought it from a white man...who claimed ownership of it...I know of four graveyards close to our houses...there are older burials I can't pint out. I know that Indians burying their dead there often came on the bones of other dead...In one of these cemeteries are...my two

children...my brother...my sister...and my cousin. This graveyard has not been plowed up yet. On another graveyard are buried Frank's wife and some old men and women. The Doukhobors have plowed this graveyard."

Christie's request that a reserve be created at the junction of the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers was never fulfilled.

Within this time period, the British Crown decided to enlist some people to survey Indian Land and start negotiations with the Indian People in the province.

Marilyn James wrote, referring to a major British Crown study done over a period of several years, "Since we were a main target and they knew we were diminished, the (Sinixt) were the first people they surveyed. They knew we'd moved away and they knew my people were waiting to go back. They sent in their crew—not once, but five times—to survey our territory, but only found a few Sinixt."

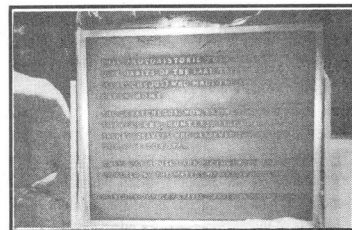
The Lakes people, it turned out, were more numerous than the government realized, but they kept to the wilderness and avoided census takers.

One of these people was Annie Joseph, who stayed at Oatscott (a 1902 reserve on the west side of Upper Arrow Lake) because she wanted to protect a burial site. Annie Joseph was the last Sinixt the government recognized, and upon her death in 1956, the Sinixt were declared extinct.

There is another woman, Lois Goodman (Sinixt) who was registered at Oatscott and was still alive and well in 1994. Goodman resides at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, and is not acknowledged by the Canadian government. Oatscott has been visited by the Lakes people as recently as summer 1996.

In the late 1960s, BC Hydro commissioned a totem pole and plaque commemorating the Sinixt to be erected in Edgewood. This pole is an affront to the Lakes people because as well as declaring them extinct, "it was raised without the proper ceremonies," and "it was not requested by the Sinixt people."

There are actually two plaques,



This plaque stands near the BC Hydro-commissioned totem pole in Edgewood.

one on the bottom of the pole and a much smaller one at the base, which is from BC Hydro, concerning the relocation of Edgewood.

The larger plaque reads: "This protohistoric pole depicts the life habits of the Lake tribe of Indians (Senatcheggs) who made the Arrow Lakes their home. The Senatcheggs, now extinct, were water travellers, hunters, fishermen and basket weavers who believed in a mythical God, the Coyote. Their pit houses and pictographs are now covered by the waters of the Arrow Reservoir."

The pole was designed by Dorothy Crabbe and carved by Jim Wilkinson.

*Senatcheggs* is just one of many spellings used for Sinixt over the years.

There is at least one pictograph still visible on the cliffs on the east side of Lower Arrow Lake, near Deer Park. It can be seen when the water is down.

Al Geissler, BC Hydro Community Relations and Field Manager at Keenleyside Dam, said, "BC Hydro has no connection with the totem pole and plaque in Edgewood. Hydro did put up the smaller plaque at the base of the pole that speaks about the relocation of Edgewood. I have researched the matter, and can find nothing in writing that says BC Hydro had any connection to the pole."

However, Dorothy Crabbe, who designed the plaque, based on what information she was able to gather at that time, and was Chair of the Edgewood Development Committee when the pole was made, said, "Hydro paid Jim Wilkinson to carve the pole. They supplied the pole and the materials. I went with Vaughan Mosher to Vernon to discuss the deal with Jim."

Mosher was the Project Manager for the totem pole. He was employed by BC Hydro, and was the Project Engineer for the Columbia and Duncan Reservoirs from 1964-71. He said, "The totem pole was a BC Hydro project. Hydro commissioned Jim Wilkinson to carve the pole, and Hydro paid for the materials and supplied the pole. I have it all written down in my diaries."



## Country Health Column

Myrrhiah is a nutritional consultant at Evergreen Natural Foods.

Brrr...boy I'm chilly; time to get nice and warm inside and out. So as well as stoking the fire, I'm going to make soup and add that well known, easy to grow, hot little pepper named cayenne.

The fire in cayenne comes from capsaicin, which acts on pain receptors, not taste buds in our mouths. The capsaicin is mostly in the white membranes of the peppers, often sending its heat to the seeds as well.

One of many studies has found that capsaicin is beneficial for people suffering from migraines, as cayenne has the ability to eliminate mucus and relieve pain. It can be taken in a concentrated capsule form. Cayenne is particularly effective against shingles, and as a blood coagulant for such ailments as bleeding ulcers.

This red hot little pepper has been known to excite the spirits, induce perspiration, promote urination, increase appetite, promote digestion,

soften blood vessels, and what I am looking for on a day like today—cayenne warms our internal regions.

Cayenne promotes circulation; is known to be good for the prevention of hypertension; and good for the relief of arteriosclerosis.

One fresh cayenne pepper can supply as much as 4,800 international units of vitamin A, about 105 mg of vitamin C, B1, B2, B3, calcium and potassium.

We use cayenne in cooking and seasoning, and they are great eaten on pizza, scrambled eggs, cornbread, tomato sauce, salsa—in fact, almost anything.

If by chance you swallow too much cayenne, **do not drink water**, as water cannot put out the fire in your mouth—it will only spread it around. **Drink milk**. Research from a taste and smell clinic shows that dairy protein acts like detergent, literally washing away capsaicin and quenching the inferno. Eating a slice of bread can sometimes help to absorb the capsaicin too.

One of the most incredible qualities cayenne has is of being a vaso-

dilator. It opens blood vessels and is known to clean the plaque off blood vessel walls, helping remove blockages from narrowing arteries, and regulating blood pressure. Some herbalists consider cayenne as first aid treatment for heart attacks.

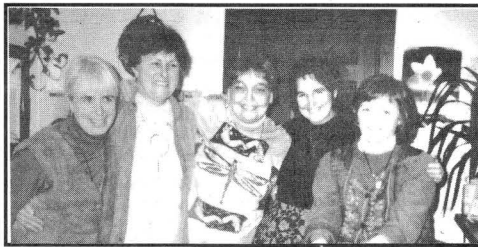
I know that my hands and arms would go numb after working in the bush all day long with a chainsaw. So I decided to eat up to six capsules of cayenne daily, before, during and after work. My body felt much better, I seemed to have more endurance and energy, and my hands and arms were no longer going numb on me.

I'm warm now, so I'm going out for a walk, but just to make sure my feet stay warm, I'll sprinkle some cayenne in the bottom of my boots up where my toes are. A good friend who's always traversing the snowy mountains showed me this one. Just be careful when you come in from outside; make sure you put your cayenne-soiled socks right into the laundry and wash your hands immediately; I've known people to suffer greatly after getting cayenne onto sensitive body parts.

## Touch Healers Raise Funds for Gabriel Family

by Mary Wagner

On Jan. 11, several local Reiki, Reflexology and Acupressure practitioners joined forces with Huckleberry's Natural Foods (on Broadway in Nakusp) to raise money to help the Gabriel family recoup some of the financial loss of the Dec. 29 fire.



From left: Jan Burks, Bev McClinchey, Ien VanHouten, Eleanor Quirk, Marilyn Pasieka

Reiki practitioners Eleanor Quirk (for appointments, 358-2559), Jan Burks (265-3787, beep 8540), Reiki and Reflexology practitioner Ien VanHouten (265-3242), and Jin Shin Do (Acupressure) practitioner Bev McClinchey (265-3198) gave treatments, the money from which was all donated. Huckleberry's, as well as supplying the space for this fundraiser, donated all revenue from beverage sales for the day.

## Supporting CNIB a Good Gamble

Supporting the Canadian National Institute for the Blind won't make you a millionaire but the odds are better than one in 12 that it will make you richer. For those who have not yet purchased a 1997 CNIB lottery calendar, it is not too late to cash in on prize money totalling \$58,400.

The CNIB lottery calendar looks like any other calendar—glossy, full colour, features photographs of locations throughout BC. The difference is that for \$30—just 8¢ a day—it provides the purchaser with 665 chances of winning prize money ranging from \$50 to \$5,000. An early bird draw for \$1,000 will take place Jan. 31. Calendar sales cease Feb. 7, and on Feb. 14, numbers will be drawn covering all the daily winners from Jan. 1 to Valentine's Day. After Feb. 14, winners will be announced daily.

The odds of winning are one in 12 if all 7,500 calendars sell. Every ticket is eligible for every draw so an individual can win more than once. To order a calendar, contact the CNIB toll free at 1/800-565-9970. Proceeds fund services to local residents who are blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind.

## Alzheimer Society Offers Support Services and Research

In 1997, over 40,000 British Columbians will be affected by Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia. In 1997, all 40,000 of these individuals will be faced with the possibility of forgetting their own names, where they live or who their children are. The Alzheimer Society of BC provides: support to those with dementia and their caregivers; a volunteer respite program; funding for research into the causes and the cures and awareness about this devastating and debilitating disease.

January is *Alzheimer Awareness Month*. If you have any questions or concerns about any facet of Alzheimer Disease or related dementia—give them a call. If someone you know might be concerned about someone having Alzheimer Disease—give them a call. at 604/681-6530 or 1/800-667-3742—support is only a phone call away.

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# NOTES FROM THE RCMP



## New Denver Detachment



New Denver RCMP attended a residence in Hills on Jan. 20 to find a marijuana grow operation set up in two of the bedrooms. Subsequent search of the residence uncovered 72 plants and approximately one pound of dried marijuana; estimated street value is \$73,000.

Charged with Cultivation, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, and Possession of Marijuana are 42-year-old Sidney George Mengler and 42-year-old Marilyn Ann Knopp. Both have been released to appear in Provincial Court in Nakusp on Mar. 13.

## Nakusp Detachment

A number of accidents have been reported in the past week, mostly due to weather and road conditions.

An accident on Jan. 17 at the Galena Bay ferry approach left the highway closed for about two hours. A tanker truck and pup trailer belonging to Hooker Shell jackknifed on the icy downgrade, and was rear ended by a 1-ton service truck. The fuel truck was empty at the time.

There were no injuries or charges laid.

Please leave yourself extra room when parking in a lot or on the street—the icy road conditions make tight navigating more difficult. Leaving yourself more "breathing space" may save you the stress of an accident or a hit and run, of which there have been a number reported recently.

With the excessive snowfall,

there have also been a number of minor accidents reported at intersections where visibility is limited by piled snow, and stopping ability is reduced by icy road surface. Please brake farther back than usual from stop signs, and use extreme caution when edging forward to enter the intersection.

## Nelson Detachment

On Jan. 15, culprits entered a residence in the 4000 block of Little Slocan South Rd. at Vallican by forcing a back door. Along with some interior damage, thieves made off with rolled coins, a small bag of silver coins, two coin sets (1980/81), a roll of Canadian uncut \$1 bills and some jewellery. Total loss is estimated at

several hundred dollars.

Thieves also entered a residence on the 4000 block of Langill Rd. in Crescent Valley. It has not been determined how they got into the home, but they made off with assorted items including jewellery, CDs, a watch, compass, backpack, camera and binoculars.

Both break-ins occurred during daylight hours. Police don't believe they are related. Anyone having information regarding these incidents is asked to call Nelson RCMP at 352-2156, or *Crime Stoppers* at 1/800-222-8477.

## Deer Hunt Continues in Slocan Valley

by Adam Christie, Conservation Officer, Nelson

Each winter the deer in our area, forced into areas of human population and weakened by the snow, are pursued by domestic dogs whose owners choose not to exercise control over their pets. For the deer this has dire consequences. Some suffer brutal deaths being eaten alive by dogs, others escape the dogs only to succumb to starvation caused by the energy loss of the chase, or abort their fawns. This year the carnage may be worse than usual due to deep snow with a hard crust that supports dogs but not deer.

Conservation Officers are receiving many reports of dogs chasing deer in the Slocan Valley and have already confirmed two deaths caused by dogs in the Winlaw/Vallican area. It is sadly ironic that this area is one of the worst in the Nelson District for the problem, because Slocan Valley residents are generally held to be responsible environmentalists.

There are two things people can do to address this issue. Firstly, control their own dogs. This means keeping them leashed or otherwise restrained when they are not under their direct personal supervision. Secondly, report any instances of dogs chasing wildlife to Conservation Officers.

Under the Wildlife Act owners of offending dogs are subject to penalties ranging from \$100 tickets to court-imposed fines of up to \$5000 for a first offense. Conservation Officers may also destroy dogs they find chasing wildlife. We all hope this will not be necessary because it means the dog is paying for its owners' negligence. However, having seen the suffering dogs can inflict on helpless deer, I for one will not hesitate to put their interests ahead of the dogs'.

Incidents of dogs chasing wildlife in the Slocan Valley should be reported to Nelson Conservation Officers at 354-6397.

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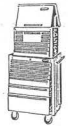
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## Community School Program Funded in Slokan



WE Graham School in Slokan has just received \$75,000 funding for community schools. School Principal Marion Hunter (pictured above) first heard about this program at a 1995 summer conference, and started gathering information after that. She said, "Our Child and Youth Group started with the Youth Centre. Then we looked into what else we can do. We are already doing the program as volunteers."

Hunter wrote up the grant proposal, got it approved by the School Board, then sent it on to the Ministry and to School Finance. Although it is currently administered under Education's Social Equity Branch, the program will be transferred to the Ministry for Children and Families for the 97/98 school year.

A community school is more than "just for kids"—it is intended as a full-use school, operating year-round, and offering programs for people of all ages. Businesses would be able to use the school for employee upgrading; Selkirk College might offer some services through the school Hunter said. "What is important is that there is no duplication of services—the focus would be on services not being offered."

Hunter explained, "We are going to become a non-profit society and form a Community School Advisory Board with a Board of Directors. This Board will be made up of businesses, parents, school representatives, community groups, police, mental health—and there must be more of other representation than of parents." The Advisory Board will meet and share information, and then may bring recommendations to the Executive Board for action.

"We will advertise and hire a Community Co-ordinator to oversee programs," continued Hunter. "The Co-ordinator would assist with the development of a project, involving teachers in the development of the program. The Co-ordinator will work out of the Youth Centre, and we will have close liaison."

## Edgewood School Temporarily Closed By Snow Load

by Joan Jones

On Jan. 9, Edgewood Elementary School staff noticed damage to the walls and floor of the building. Although weight measurement of the snow on the roof indicated that the building was not threatened, Maintenance Supervisor Bill Penner hired a crew to remove the snow and arranged for a structural engineer to examine the building.

School Superintendent Dan Russell decided to close the school Jan. 10 while crews worked and damage was assessed. The school was reopened Jan. 13, after snow removal was completed. Bill Penner, Structural Engineer Ely Kazakoff, School Trustee Verna Blanchette, and Marcel Blanchette inspected the school Jan. 13. Kazakoff concluded the building was sound and the only snow-related problem was the widening of an existing crack in the floor, which closed after the snow had been removed. Some parents kept their children home from school until after this examination and report were concluded.

## Lucerne Elementary Environmental Club Working Toward a Cleaner World

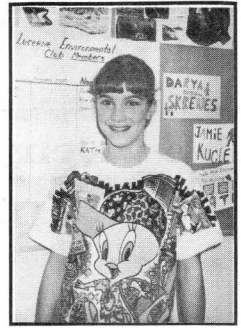
by Siri Hastings

Besides doing community work and going on field trips, the Lucerne Elementary School Environmental Club members also do recycling projects such as making notebooks out of good-one-side recycled paper, and other things like potholders, which we will make in the future.

We are also going to enter a contest for recycling in which you have to make a toy out of completely recycled materials.

The Environmental Club does the sorting of school recycling, in turn with two other classes.

In all, the Lucerne Elementary Environmental Club plays a big part in the community's recycling system.



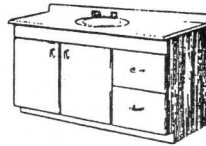
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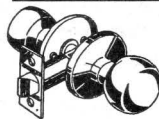
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

### A Hearing into the Issue of Retail Access and Unbundled Tariffs

	Pre-Hearing Conference	Public Hearing
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
<b>Date:</b>	January 24, 1997	March 10, 1997
<b>Location:</b>	B.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Room 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C.	B.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Room 6th Floor - 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C.

#### The Application

On November 27, 1996 West Kootenay Power Ltd., filed with the Commission an Application for Transmission Capacity Service and Ancillary Service for its wholesale, industrial and large general service customers and the creation of an Independent Transmission System Operator. In addition, on December 2, 1996, certain British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("B.C. Hydro") Rate Schedule 1821 customers requested that the Commission require B.C. Hydro to file amendments to its Wholesale Transmission Service Tariff to permit use of that service by Rate Schedule 1821 customers. In response to these two events, the Commission has decided to hold a hearing into the issue of retail access and unbundled tariffs.

#### The Regulatory Process

As outlined in the Regulatory Timetable attached as Appendix A to Order No. G-125-96, the Commission will hold a pre-hearing conference on January 24, 1997 to discuss the phasing and scope of the hearing along with other issues requiring clarification in advance of the March 10, 1997 public hearing.

#### Interventions

Intervenor and Interested Parties who wish to take part in the Hearing are to advise the Commission Secretary, in writing, of their intention to participate in the proceedings no later than January 17, 1997.

#### Participant Assistance

All parties intending to apply for Participant Assistance must file a budget by January 27, 1997 consistent with the Commission's Policy and Rate Sheet as outlined in Order No. G-103-96. Copies of the Participant Assistance Policy and Rate Sheet are available from the Commission upon request.

#### Clarification

Persons intending to participate in the Pre-Hearing Conference and who are uncertain as to the manner in which to proceed, may contact Mr. Robert Pellatt, Commission Secretary or Ms. Deborah Emes, Manager, Strategic Services by telephone at (604) 660-4700, or B.C. Toll Free at 1-800-663-1385, or in writing to the above address or by facsimile at (604) 660-1102. The Commission can also be reached on the Internet at [bcuc@pop.gov.bc.ca](mailto:bcuc@pop.gov.bc.ca).

BY ORDER

Robert J. Pellatt  
Commission Secretary

# Nakusp Skaters Do Well in Competition



Back Row from left: Natasha Black, Brooke Lythgoe, Melissa Roberts, Michelle Grenier, and Andrea Zobel. Front Row from left: Carly Thorp, Cassey Adams and Darci Martin (missing is Mandy Fraser)

The Nakusp Figure Skating Club placed third out of nine clubs at the Rossland Competition on Jan. 12.

Carly Thorp, at her first competition and without music, won second place in the Pre-Preliminary, 7 Years —way to go Carly!!

Cassey Adams won first place in the Pre-Preliminary, 10Years.

Melissa Roberts took second place in the Preliminary, 9Years.

Michelle Grenier placed first in the 11 & 12 Years Preliminary. Darci Martin took third in the 11 & 12 Year Preliminary.

The next competition is the Kootenay Regionals Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2 in Invermere.

# Lucerne Lady Lakers Basketball Action

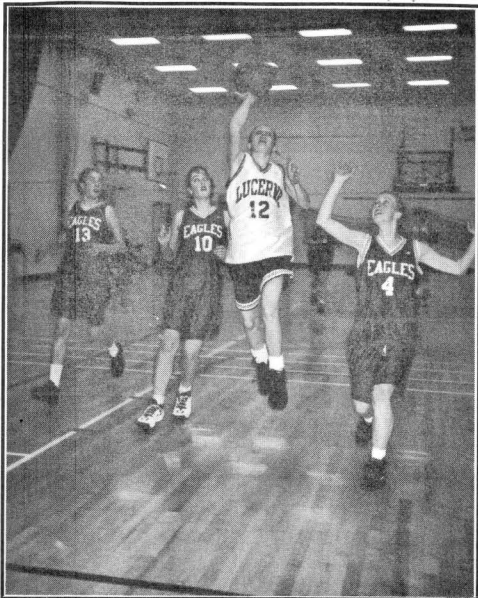
On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10-11, Lucerne Lady Lakers (Senior Girls) Invitational Round Robin hosted teams from Kaslo, Trail and Winfield.

In Friday's action JV Humphries from Kaslo lost to JL Crowe of Trail 55-14. Winfield's George Elliot grabbed its first win against Lucerne 77-49. On Saturday, George Elliot took its second win against JL Crowe 77-39. Lucerne won its second game against JL Crowe, with Lakers' Lila Zack having a great game and scoring 16 points, Shani Sherrod 12, Liane Morrison 11, Alex Mark 6, Jenny Rudrum 3, and Colleen Murphy 2 to beat JL Crowe 50-31.

George Elliot won the grudge match against the Lakers in the final game 47-27. Lila Zack scored 8 points; Alex Mark added 7; Jenny Rudrum and Liane Morrison scored 4 each; Colleen Murphy and Shani Sherrod added 2 apiece.

The team hosted a game against Kaslo Eagles on Jan. 14. Lucerne took the first quarter with a score of 12-3, then gained another 15 points by the end of the first half. By the third quarter the score was 40-11 for Lucerne. The final score: Lucerne 49-Kaslo 22. Lila Zack had another great game scoring 18 points, Liane Morrison 14, and Alex Mark added 12.

The girls placed fourth in a six-team tournament in Enderby last weekend. They lost to Salmon Arm; beat Kelowna Secondary; then lost to a second team from Salmon Arm. Coach Bruce Morrison said, "The girls played hard and did well against other much larger schools."



Liane Morrison was named All Star Player in the Enderby tournament.

# Nakusp Sports Complex

(January 6/97 to March 30/97)

## PUBLIC SKATING

**Day & Time:** SATURDAYS 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm (except Saturday, March 8/97)

SUNDAYS 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

**Cost:** Admission collected by the Nakusp Figure Skating Club

## ADULT SKATING

Open to adults & seniors—children under 5 years of age are welcome

**Day & Time:** WEDNESDAY 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Cost:** \$1.00 per person

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**Day & Time:** MONDAYS 12 noon - 1:30 pm (except Monday, March 17/97)

FRIDAYS 1:30 - 3:00 pm (except Jan 24 & Feb. 21)

**Cost:** \$5.00 per player

## SHINNY RULES

- Minimum equipment requirements are a hockey helmet, hockey gloves, skates and stick—full equipment is recommended
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## Take the Chill Out of Winter

Slocan Valley Recreation Commission continues to offer a wide selection of recreation programs to make the winter a little more bearable. Upcoming programs include:

• **CORE Hunter Training:** A mandatory program for anyone wishing to obtain their first BC Hunting Licence. Brent Kennedy School; Jan. 29-Feb 20 (Wednesday and Thursday), 7:00-9:30 PM; Fee, \$75/8 sessions; Instr. Ron Milton. **Register by Jan. 24.**

• **Something Fishy Going On:** Learn all you need to know about fresh water aquariums from a family with over 15,000 fish and 600 aquariums. Brent Kennedy School, Jan. 27, Winlaw School, Jan. 29, WE Graham School, Jan. 30; Fee, \$7; Instr. Amstutz family. **Register today!**

• **Considering Renovations?** A two-session program offering realistic and practical assistance for homeowners wanting to re-design their homes. Winlaw School, Feb. 3 and 10, 7:00-9:00 PM; Fee, \$5/2 sessions; Instr. Paul Wilkinson and Gil Gerard. **Register by Jan. 30.**

• **Introduction to Self-Hypnosis:** Spend a day learning the many beneficial applications of self-hypnosis. Crescent Valley Hall; Saturday, Feb. 15, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM; Fee, \$60; Instr. Tony Smoch. **Register by Feb. 7.**

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• **Women's Volleyball at WE Graham School:** Every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM. \$2 drop-in.

For more information about these and all the other great programs, please phone Craig or Kathy at 226-7744.



## Kootenay Big Game Harvest Allocations Announced

Allocations of the annual allowable harvest in the Kootenays of big game species to resident and non-resident hunters (guide outfitters) have been made, the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks announced in late Dec. Decisions were made following consultation with the East Kootenay Wildlife Assoc., the East Kootenay Hunters' Assoc., the Southern Guides and Outfitters' Assoc. and the West Kootenay Outdoorsmen.

The rationale for the allocation decisions is based on First Nations right to hunt for sustenance and ceremonial use, conservation measures and ministry policy regarding fair and appropriate allocations to resident and non-resident hunters. Typically, the allocation to resident hunters is 75% or more of the animals available for harvest of a given species. Decisions follow consideration of harvest levels appropriate for each species and the current conservation status of each species as determined by regional wildlife biologists. The allocations will be in effect for the next three years, with the exception of species which merit special consideration and are allocated on an annual basis.

## PeeWees Play Excellent Hockey—Walk Away Proud

Nakusp PeeWees played in a tournament Jan. 11 and 12 in Enderby. They played very well, and even though they lost they had a good time.

The first game was tied until Nakusp pulled ahead in the third period, but Summerland scored in the last minute of the game, resulting in a 3-3 tie. Nakusp scorers were Kris Scott (assists to Jesse Wilcott and Jesse McDonald); Jesse Wilcott (assist to Jesse Martin); and Travis Rebman (assist to Jesse Wilcott).

The second game ended in a 7-5 win for Armstrong. Nakusp goals were scored by Jesse Wilcott (three, the first unassisted; assists from Nolan Beingessner, Jesse McDonald and Dorian Turner on the others); Aaron Anderson (assist to Jesse Martin); and Phillip Chwachka (unassisted).

Nakusp lost its third game to Winfield 6-4. The first two periods ended in ties, and Winfield only managed to pull ahead in the third. Nakusp goals were scored by Dorian Turner (2); Phillip Chwachka; and Jesse Martin. Assists were awarded to Jesse Martin, Kyle Grenier, Travis Rebman, Jesse Wilcott (2), Bryan Hewat, Aaron Anderson and Kris Scott.

The PeeWees play in Castlegar the weekend of Jan. 18-19; Nakusp Jan 25-26; and Nakusp Feb. 1-2.

## Nakusp Blazers Hockey Report Most Sportsman-Like Team Winners in Tourney

Teams from Kaslo, Rossland, Nelson, Vernon, Trail and Nakusp participated in the Initiation "C" Tournament Jan. 11 and 12 in Nakusp. The Blazers tied their first game Saturday against Kaslo Alpine Logging. They lost to tournament winners Trail All Star Sports in their second game, but defeated Rossland in the third.

The Most Sportsman-Like Team, voted on by all participating teams, was a two-way tie between Nakusp and Rossland. Nakusp's name was drawn to take the trophy, presented to Coach Darren Wethal. This is an important acknowledgement by the player's peers. If you win, you win fair and square. If you lose, you've also lost fair and square. A clean game is a game of skill and it's hockey at its finest. Congratulations!

## Blazers Play Great Hockey in Back-to-Back Games with Castlegar



Brandon Allard in goal for the first time.

In the first game on Jan. 18 the Nakusp Blazers scored the opening goal and led 4-1 at the end of the first period. Nakusp was still ahead 7-2 at the end of the second period. In the third period Castlegar turned on the heat and scored five goals, but it wasn't enough to catch the Blazers who scored four of their own to beat Castlegar 10-7. Goals: Jeremy Roberts, Riley Weatherhead and Robert Rogers scored three each and Daniel Dunn donated one.

In the second game Castlegar opened the scoring and led 2-1 at the end of the first period. By the end of the second period Castlegar scored four goals to Nakusp's one and it was 6-2. In the third period Nakusp picked up the pace and scored five goals to Castlegar's three, but it wasn't enough to catch up. Final score: Castlegar 9 to Nakusp 7. Jeremy Roberts scored three goals, Zac Wethal got one and Daniel Dunn and Riley Weatherhead added a goal each.

Brandon Allard was in goal for the first time and he made some fantastic saves. Troy Waldron was out due to a skiing injury; he's fine and will be back soon.

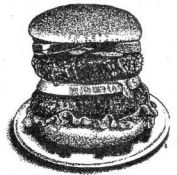
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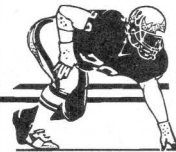
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**Fly Tying Club** meets on Mondays at Lucerne School, 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Room 126. Newcomers welcome! We have the materials to get you started. Inquiries 358-7181. 2301

**WINTER BLUES BOOGIES:** Dance to *Dr. Fun & the Nightcrawlers*, Feb. 1 at the Silvertown Hall. \$10 Advance Tickets only from Motherlode, Apple Tree and Silvertown Hotel. 2301

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**SELKIRK COLLEGE** (lower Slocan Valley) **Continuing Education course start dates:** *Beginner Driver Training*, Feb. 3; *At Ease with Computers for the First Time User*, Feb. 3; *Meditation & Massage*, Feb. 4; *Retirement Planning*, Feb. 6; *Transportation Endorsement*, Feb. 7; *Airbrakes*, Feb. 7; *How to Prepare for an Interview and Win*, Feb. 11; *Introduction to Computers Using Windows*, Feb. 12; *CPR "A" (Heartsaver)*, Feb. 19; *Taking the Fears out of the Stock & Bond Market*, Feb. 20; *Menopause—Women at the Edge of Two Worlds*, Feb. 6; *Surfing the Net*, Feb. 22. Registration and information, Selkirk College 359-7564. 2301

**ARTWORK** (previously *Images & Objects*), the **Visual Arts Component of the BC Festival of the Arts**, application forms are available at: phone 226-7347 or pick up at *Sol Terre*. Deadline for receipt of entries is Feb. 10. 2301

## Lost and Found

**FOUND:** Sleeping bag & pillow between New Denver & Silvertown. Phone 358-2407. nlc

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## Notices

**Children Access Rights:** Are your children being denied their court-ordered access to you? For more information phone 358-7139 or 357-2515, evenings please. th

**Al-Anon Meeting,** 8 pm Sunday, Nakusp. Phone 265-4909. th

**15% off all coffee beverages** through Jan. 31 at *Sol Terre* in Passmore. 226-7080. 2301

As of Feb. 1 **Slocan Valley Auto Parts** will be open Monday thru Saturday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Phone or fax 226-7034. 2301

**COMMUNITY SERVICES WISHES TO APOLOGIZE** for our **Ski Bus** not in service on Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 11 & 12. We encountered a late afternoon breakdown on Friday, Jan. 10 and had hoped service would be restored for the weekend. Unfortunately it was not and we are sorry for any inconvenience people may have experienced. Your understanding is appreciated. 2301

**The Annual General Meeting** of Slocan Lake Arena Society will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997 at the office at 713 Josephine Street (above the Liquor Store), New Denver, BC at 7:00 PM. 2301

## Performance Opportunity

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## Card of Thanks

The family of the late **Tony White** send thanks for all the help and support during a difficult time. We appreciate all the flowers, cards, food, phone calls and kind words that were expressed. A special thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at the Hospital; also thanks to the Hospice Society. 2301

## Announcements

**Marigold Consignments: End of January 50% Off Sale.** Open again Jan. 29, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 - 5. 2301

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WES PROCUNIER,** winner of *The Motherlode's* 9,000 piece jigsaw puzzle! (Good luck, Wes!) 2309

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My belated appreciation to the Lucerne school administration (especially Mike "it's okay, let's go for it" Lesnik), students, teachers, custodians, bus drivers and secretaries for the timely and meaningful lessons that you guided me to learn during my three (3) year visit. I also want to acknowledge the kindness and friendship to the people of rural and downtown New Denver, Silvertown and Hills.

You gave me the privilege to share my condensed sixty (60) years version of my life's experiences.

The following statement is an excerpt from my second book, *Pappa, Please Tell Johnny You Love Him...* It summarizes my lessons that I learned in your communities.

"I am of the attitude that we as humans like to live in love and harmony, not in aggression and conflict...most all of us have been conditioned/scripted to live in a dominant patriarchal culture in which relations are perceived mostly as instrumental for gaining dominance in a continuous power struggle.

The majority of the discussions that take place in competitive, political arenas are framed in adversarial language, the language of "us versus them." It seems that we have created a culture of adversarial thinking that distracts us from the important agenda of improving our way of life. The "virus of versus" that prevents us from working as a TEAM (the acronym for TEAM is together, everyone, achieves, more) and precludes the nurturing of a healthy, happy and rich body of thought and action that is necessary if we are to create a prosperous, loving and spiritually uplifting environment to live a limitless and genuinely fulfilling lifestyle. The internationally renowned biologist, Dr. Humberto Maturana in his workshop titled, *Love, Play, and Intelligence, the forgotten foundation of education*, states that, "Indeed, love is the emotion that expands intelligence and opens awareness. One sees more, hears more, touches more, smells more, and understands more when it."

My observation and insightful experiences during my three (3) year visit inspires me to state that I have had satisfying conversations, met intelligent, wise, loving, authentic, responsible, earthy people and what I gained will stay in memory and has touched my heart for life!

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