

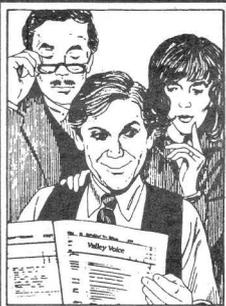


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Chris Kolmel in Chehalis River canyon.

Hundreds of whitewater enthusiasts will be converging on the Slocan Valley July 17 to 26. Nelson kayaker and Whitewater Canada Vice President Chris Kolmel says the national event comes to BC only once every

The Kayaks Are Coming!

five years.

Kolmel adds, "This is the first year we'll hold the event in Slocan. We expect about 150 participants, including Olympic competitors and World Cup champion canoeists and kayakers."

The Kootenay Kayak Festival will complement the races. Both novice and expert paddlers will take part daily in runs down local streams."

"We're inviting paddlers to explore local rivers with the organization at no cost," says Kolmel.

For juniors there's an opportunity to take an instructional course from one of the world's best. "We've been very fortunate to hire a Euro Cup coach from France to provide instruction for juniors (under 18 yrs)

for a week at a cost of \$100," he says.

The Whitewater Rodeo, where competitors pitch their skill against some of the nastiest "holes" around, will take place from Crescent Valley to Shoreacres. In the rodeo the paddler drops into a hole and attempts to do tricks. The paddlers will be competing for honors in the grand finale slalom race through turbulent waters at the Sacchina Rapids (between Crescent Valley and Shoreacres).

There will also be a Wild Water Race.

Kolmel says the sponsors are seeking billets for some of the participants. Anyone able to house a visiting canoeist or kayaker during the festival is asked to call 352-6799 for further information.

Boycott or Not

Tough tactics being used by a Kootenay Lake group to support resource-based industries have left some Kaslo store owners fuming, and put the local Chamber of Commerce on the hotseat.

Eighteen members of the Kaslo & District Contractors Association have approached local businesses, asking them to display a decal and small sign that reads, "Our business

What isn't normal is the "follow-up letter" being sent to store owners who hesitate or don't comply with the request from the Association.

Arnie Reinikka, owner of *Your Heart's Desire*, has a policy of only posting ads for cultural events in his store. When he didn't immediately agree to display the Association's sign and decal, the Association can-

Hi... We in the resource base industries would like to know we have your support in our endeavor to have a sustainable future. Your support in the immediate future will take the form of a window sign. Should you choose not to display the sign, it will allow the resource worker a choice also. Kaslo & District Contractors Association.

is supportive of resource-based industries."

These kind of requests to merchants—who often accommodate them—are a normal part of business.

vasser handed him the "follow-up letter."

"That's when I hit the roof," said Reinikka. "They should retract
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Easter Sunday Open House



Bob Rhem, Assistant Fire Chief and Kyle Eaton-Dejong, the first winner of fire truck ride.

About 35 parents and kids came to the open house at the Winlaw Volunteer Fire Department. The children had an Easter egg hunting contest and raffle for a ride in the fire truck with siren blaring, and parents were shown a demonstration of the new *Jaws of Life*. *Some fun in the sun.*



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New Denver Mayor's Report

As the village water tank got a rare chlorinated scrub and thorough flushing, residents should know that:

- The tank was isolated from the delivery system during the procedure. No chlorinated water entered the residential lines;

- Water was available to the limit of our realtime pumping capacity to all homes from the village wells while the tank was being cleaned and disinfected;

- Council has adopted a policy of more regular water system clean-

ing and flushing at the request of the provincial Ministry of Health, although ongoing professional water sampling shows our protected wells and water lines to be delivering water that is virtually coliform-free;

- My thanks to Silverton Mayor Roy Carlson, Administrator Dot Mellen and to Don Caissie for sharing their greater knowledge, and loaning us equipment to use in the cleaning. New Denver bought a new high-velocity pump for the project, and has advised Silverton that it will of

course be available to them upon request.

On another subject, downtown merchants have Highways Area Manager Graham Greensword to thank for the new Business Centre signs you have noticed near the junction of Highways 6 and 31A. I believe he did some fancy talking somewhere - and found sympathetic ears - to get them for us at the request of Council and your own Chamber of Commerce.

G.L. Wright, Mayor

Nakusp Mayor's Report

This has been my first opportunity to publicly say congratulations and thank you to the Citizens of the Year—Eva and Rex Thorpe. The way they have supported one another in the many projects they've been involved with has truly been a benefit to our community.

Thanks to Julie Gaudet for being such a good ambassador for our Community. In 1992, Centennial year, Joe Williams of the Sounds of Time presented the Best Ambassador trophy to me as the events organizer. Hopefully we can continue to pass his trophy on to people who promote the Village. I attended the Chamber Installation recently and we were entertained by some very talented students musically and in theatre sports. Congratulations and thank you for sharing your talents.

There are not enough words to express the thanks that Elena Walker deserves for her fifteen years of dedication to the SPCA. She always served with caring and understanding. Enjoy your retirement Elena!

CRTC: Josh Smienk, Chairman of the committee has been travelling throughout the Columbia Basin explaining the Memorandum of Understanding which was signed in Castlegar by Premier Harcourt and the committee on Mar. 19. As well, he has heard community concerns but has not been able to say, "Yes, you'll get money for a pool" because the most difficult task has yet to come. The government has committed money

to the area, the committee is negotiating long term investment returns. NOW the people of the Columbia Basin must decide, through a continued public process, an equitable framework that best benefits the environment and the people. When that decision is made then the Committee (Columbia Basin Trust) will carry out the wishes of the people. It was a pleasure to see people from Trout Lake to Edgewood in attendance at the meeting on Apr. 5. Your questions, comments and input are truly appreciated.

Sewer: It was also a pleasure to see so many people out to the Open House. The questions brought forward will be dealt with at the next council meeting. The answers will be in the next newsletter. Of course staff is always available to answer your concerns.

Mr. Cal Haugen is overseeing the project for Urban Systems. He is available to be of help and can be reached through the office.

AKBM: The Annual Kootenay/ Boundary Municipal Conference was held Apr. 20-22 at Fairmont. Councillors Crockett, Fenwick, Miller and I attended.

Pride Week: Councillor Crockett is in charge of Pride Week this year, May 1 - 7. If you have questions or ideas please contact him.

KBS Radio: We will finally be recognized as part of the Kootenays, hopefully by June! KBS will be adding their station to Nakusp. It will be

great to have another choice, but most of all to hear news of the Kootenays. To know that when they say "Proud to be in the Kootenays" that Nakusp is recognized as being in the Kootenays and part of that Pride is what we've been asking for.

Debris Board: We now meet annually in the spring. On Apr. 5 we met to discuss and review the clean-up process. Pope and Talbot cleaned Hydro catch booms, are buying logs from a company that is salvaging bundles from underwater and will continue donating barge time for Hydro to move equipment to clean up areas. They will work on the lower lake this year. The Hydro budget has been reduced greatly, so they'll do as much work as possible. Water levels are predicted to reach 1435 ft. this year. For various reasons (distance to job site, supervision, equipment, funds etc) it was decided not to pursue the social services program for hand clearing this year.

Recycling: The RDCK (West Area) has signed a contract with ACE Disposals to provide recycling as a 6-month pilot project. The site is behind the Village office, so please take advantage of this service.

I'd like to share with you that of all the public meetings throughout the Columbia Basin for the CRTC, Nakusp and area has always had the most people represented.

Rosemary Johnson
Mayor

RDCK Notes

Some local highlights from the Apr. 8 regional district board meeting include:

- help for the Coutts Creek Water Users Group, who are concerned about the impacts of private land logging to land which also furnishes their water.

RDCK is contacting provincial ministries encouraging them to give the landowner a timber mark cutting permit only after the site plan is made acceptable to the water users group.

Administration was also directed to supply the group's solicitor -- as well as solicitors representing other water user groups in the district --

with information from the successful injunction obtained by the South Slokan Commission of Management during a similar dispute.

- BC Hydro Fund grants-in-aid from Area H (Slokan Valley) to the Rosebery-Three Forks Parks Commission (\$3,000); Valley View Cemetery (\$1,700).

- A request from Directors Wright and Nygren to support the New Denver Arena Society's negotiations with the British Columbia Building Corporation for land at a former refuse site was referred to the board's solicitors for recommendation.

New Fire Hall

The Village of Silverton has received a BC 21 grant for \$55,000, towards the construction of a new fire hall to be located next to the recycling depot in Silverton.

Work will begin May 1.

Village Administrator Dot Mellen said that under a UIC Section 25 Program the Village will be able

to hire three UI recipients for a period of 29 weeks to construct the building. The program will increase recipient benefits, although the increase is not insurable.

Mellen said, "We are looking for workers. Carpentry would be an asset."

Nakusp Ponders Rezoning

Nakusp Council received public input at a rezoning hearing held Apr. 13.

Under consideration is an application from Canyon Developments to rezone four parcels of land: one from Park to Light Industrial; one from Park to Trailer Park; one from Residential and Tourist/Commercial to just Tourist/Commercial. The most contentious proposal would see part of the former CP right-of-way rezoned from Park to Suburban Residential.

The change will directly affect residents along 10 Ave. NW from 4 Ave. N to Hwy 23. It would allow subdivision development.

A local property owner reminded Council that its Official Community Plan (OCP) identifies the former CP

lands as a significant component of the village park system. No rezoning can occur which is contrary to the OCP.

She was told by the Village Office that the right-of-way parallel to 10 Ave. was only designated Parks/Trails because the OCP planners "didn't know what else to put down."

However the OCP says "the future use and development of land within the Village shall "be consistent with the pattern of land use..." (which shows the area as Parks/Trails).

Village Administrator Malcolm Shanks said that while Council wants to deal with the rezoning request at its Apr. 27 regular meeting, it is not planning to amend the OCP at this time.

Chamber Information Session

Nakusp Chamber of Commerce Manager Julie Gaudet held an informational session for the Slokan District Chamber of Commerce on Apr. 20 in New Denver.

Gaudet shared the history and the expansion to an Economic Development Centre and Business InfoCentre over the years. Gaudet told how the Chamber gets funding through special events, fund raising, promotion and targeting the tourist market.

She said the joint Chamber/InfoCentre/Development Office not only handles Chamber business, but also answers business and tourist inquiries, helps entrepreneurs access funding and training programs, provides brochures, helps develop busi-

ness plans for clients, is involved in many promotional projects like the provincial Entrance Sign pilot project.

In addition it holds a number of fund-raisers to flesh out the local and provincial governmental grants which form a big part of its financial base.

Slokan District Chamber members were interested in Gaudet's presentation because they are considering expanding their role in promotion of the Slokan Lake area.

A Slokan Chamber study paper has stated that, "as the population of the community has increased, and the number of small businesses has mushroomed, the (Slokan) Chamber has not updated its vision of what it could do for the community."

Local Government Grants Announced

A total of \$122.4 million in municipal general grants, the highest level awarded to local governments in four years, was announced by

Municipal Affairs Minister Darlene Marzari on Apr. 24.

The Village of Nakusp will receive \$198,714; Village of New Den-

ver \$145,299; Village of Silverton \$132,675; and Village of Slokan \$105,106.

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New Denver Council Report

At the April 10th Council meeting Village Council discussed and will seek more information about an internet project. An information package forwarded to Council by Dr. Chuck Burkholder suggests that New Denver is being considered as one of three places in Canada for the electronics communications pilot project.

Council will hold a special meeting with New Denver firemen and Slokan Valley Director Eric Nygren to coordinate implementation of the new area fire service.

A Nakusp firm has been hired to provide current cost estimates and working drawings of changes to the Village Hall which would incorporate a fire hall and downsized Public Works shop. Councillors Dave Morrison and Rob Reder have been meeting with Administration, Public Works and the Fire Department to prepare initial concepts. Council directed priority to be given to local firms/persons to do the construction.

Council thanked the many local

residents who have once more volunteered to do the seasonal maintenance and tree pruning along Bellevue St. and the lakeshore. Robin Sherrad was again selected to head the volunteer team. Anyone wishing to help is asked to contact Robin.

An \$11,000 downtown revitalization proposal was approved as part of the Village Square Program. This year's program—the smallest to date—will see sidewalk work finished on Mainstreet and a 4-foot-wide clay/gravel path laid from the northwest corner of the Carpenter Creek bridge along the dike to join up with the Lakeside Trail. A new wheelchair-friendly picnic area will also be made along the path.

If the provincial government agrees, it will pay one-third of the program's costs; the Village one-third; volunteers may contribute labor to make up the final third.

Councillor Diane Andrews, who is also Vice-chair of the West Kootenay Touring Society, reported

that WKTS has signed a contract with *The Word Publishing* (from Rosebery) to publish its new travel guidebook. The 64-page guide should be out by June 1.

Through its Regional District fund, Grants-in-Aid were given to the Silverton-New Denver Scout Troop (\$25), the Kootenay Lake Historical Society (\$100) and Nelson Area Economic Development Commission (\$100) to support a person to travel to California to promote the area as a movie location.

Mayor Wright reported on the continuing difficult negotiations taking place between Castlegar and some rural areas of the West Waste Management subregion (to which New Denver belongs) on the subject of sludge disposal.

He said, "The issues are complex. The financial impacts are simpler: dealing with more people and more septage and more regulations on a shrinking land base is going to cost us all more money."



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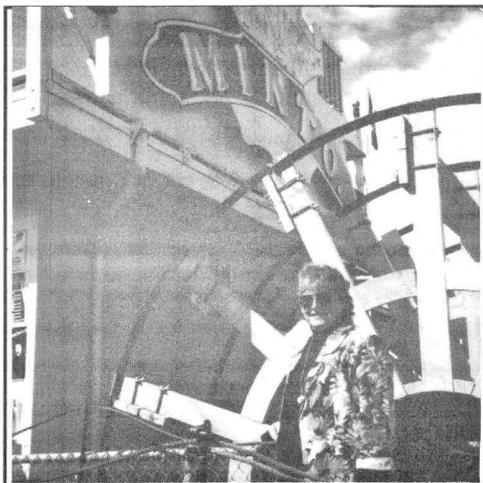
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At left, Julie Gaudet in front of Tourist, Info and Chamber building.

InfoCentre Spring Work Bee

A work bee will be held at the Tourist InfoCentre this weekend.

Concrete work will be done on the access ramp access. The sign will be repainted. All that's need is helping hands.

"Just supply yourself," requests Manager, Julie Gaudet. If you have a few hours to spare please call her at 265-4234.

Are Older Kids Cheaper?

by Katrine Campbell

Good news from the federal government—it's cheaper to raise children after they reach the age of seven. At least, that seems to be the message from the Child Tax Benefit section of Revenue Canada. The monthly cheque drops by \$17.75 after the child's seventh birthday.

However, nobody in the bureaucracy of two ministries can say exactly why this happens. My first call was to the Child Tax Benefit office, where a rather abrupt clerk said she didn't know why it happened, she just did as she was told. I asked where I could get the information and she told me to call my MP, or Lloyd Axworthy's office in Ottawa. I asked for a media relations person to talk to but she couldn't help me there, either.

So, I phoned Jim Gouk's office. The friendly assistant I talked to had no information but said she'd check into it.

I decided to try Revenue Canada

again, so I called back and got another clerk who was much more pleasant but no better informed. She explained that there was a \$213 annual supplement for children under seven. Yes, I said, but why? Why did the Feds figure it costs less to raise a seven-year-old than a six-year-old? And why the magnificent sum of \$213? Silence. Didn't make sense to her either, obviously. So, she referred me to a woman with the Ministry of Human Resources & Development in Victoria, who explained that there was a \$213 annual supplement... I Yes, I know that, I said, but why?

When I mentioned this was for a newspaper story, she said she'd try to get someone to call me back. Soon another woman called me and explained... (see above paragraph.) She referred me to a man, who called me back and explained... (see above paragraph.) However, he dug a little deeper in his files and was able to tell me that the supplement was added in

1988 to the child tax credit and was carried on when Family Allowance and the tax credit became the Child Tax Benefit in 1993.

Deep sigh. So, I ask again, what is the reasoning? Well, the white paper detailing the legislation gives no reason and since this happened seven years ago when the Conservatives were in power, there's nobody left in Ottawa to ask. His guess was it had something to do with child care—kids over seven are in school and don't need as much (if any) as younger kids.

I'm left wondering what kind of care you can get for \$17.75 a month.

Note: I also dealt with a helpful man at Statistics Canada (after spending ten minutes getting through a voice-mail phone maze) who dug up some stats from April 1994 that show it costs \$8,406 per year to raise a six-year-old boy. Cost for an eight-year-old is \$8,716.

BC Environment

Notice of Public Meeting

BC Environment, Fisheries Branch will hold a public meeting to discuss proposed regulations for the 1996/98 Freshwater Fishing Synopsis. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29 in the Columbia Room of the Sandman Inn, Castlegar.

Persons unable to attend this meeting are invited to provide comments by writing or phoning Bob Lindsay, Fisheries Biologist (604) 354-6342.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor;

To the person who drove on the Winlaw Elementary School grounds and destroyed our soccer goal posts: You obviously don't realize the impact your actions have upon the children of the school and the community. Not only have you limited our use of the field but you have also sent the wrong kind of message to our children. Please take responsibility for your actions.

The principal

To the Editor;

Are you interested in forming a writer's guild? If so, please join us for an informal meeting on Sunday, May 7 from 3 to 5 PM in the Apple Tree.

The purposes of the guild include: fostering literary skills of writers and potential writers in the Slokan Valley and surrounding areas; encouraging beginning writers; publishing a journal (if there is enough interest); having fun writing; and exploring mentor programs.

I am sure there are many more valid reasons for starting a guild in this area and these will be welcomed at the meeting. So if you would like to see this venture get off the ground then please make an effort to come out to this inaugural meeting. Coffee, teas and nibbles will be supplied.

Trevor Harrop, 358-2375

To the Editor;

I am interested in studying Ahmusta Kebzeh, an ancient spiritual tradition originating in the Caucasus Mountains. This teaching can be defined as a "process of awakening and developing latent human powers under divine grade and guidance." To live this teaching is "to meet all things in life on the basis of the Essence."

The "Point of Contact" with the teaching is Murat Yagan, a living teacher who conveys this teaching both intellectually and experientially. According to him, "The most desirable way to pursue this kind of knowledge is to associate yourself with a community and a guide experienced in its practical application. Then, as you become a better reflector of that spark of Creative Power which you carry within yourself, you may eventually come to know everything yourself."

It is in this spirit that I wish to form a study group here in Winlaw that is in association with the community already established in Vernon, B.C. This community is focused on the teaching of Ahmusta Kebzeh as shared by Murat Yagan. If you are interested, I have more literature on this subject and an outline of the curriculum we would study together under guidance. This could help you to decide if this is what you wish to pursue. I welcome your contact.
Livina Hiacinth, 226-7840

To the Editor;

I am writing in reference to the closure of the Castlegar Weather Office, slated for Apr. 1, 1996. The weather office has provided services to the public and specialized business users for the past 23 years, 10 hours per day, 365 day per year (yes, even Christmas Day). Its three employees, designated as Essential Services during the past Public Service strikes, were not allowed to strike and continued to provide weather services to the public.

My husband has been employed by the Weather Office for the past seven years, and so I do have a biased reason for not wanting the office closed. Obviously this closure will greatly affect our lives here in the Kootenays. However, I strongly believe that the three employees at the Weather Office provide a very valuable public service, one that will be missed and could affect the public safety of both the general public and businesses. Public and business pressure can effect changes to Government policies but only if the government is aware of how the public feels.

To the Editor;

From Slokan, the town that used to have a heart.

"Mommy," my eight year old ran in from school breathless and in tears, "remember that big tree? Where we used to go for shade when we played T-ball? It's down, Mom!"

"The big white pine?"

"Yes. They've cut it down!"

"Oh god," I muttered. "I saw a notice a while back that the village was going to cut down dangerous trees. But that tree looked healthy."
"It was, Mom. They just wanted the logs."

"What about the cedars?"

"Some of them are down too."

Just like that, in a matter of minutes, fine solid trees in the heart of town are reduced to a commodity, a by-product.

Do you feel safer now, Mr. Mayor, when you look across the street from your front window at these stumps? Did you truly feel threatened by those trees? Or did you see them as cash-flow in this unfortunate time when even children

To the Editor;

Open letter to
RDCK Board of Directors

In reply to the comments under **Rails to Trails in the RDCK Report** (Valley Voice Mar. 31) I must ask "what about the main point." I challenged Article A.3. of Bylaw No 1057 which established a Parks Commission to manage the Three Forks to Rosebery Regional Park. The objective of my report was to have Article A.3. altered in such a way that the political directors do not have

If you have had occasion to use these services in the past and feel that the Kootenay Region will suffer a loss by their departure, please contact one or both of the following people and let them know. It is only through public support that these services could remain.

The Honourable Sheila Coppins
Ministry of Environment
House of Commons
Parliament Hill
Ottawa, Ont.
FAX 613-992-2727

Jim Gouk
Member of Parliament
Kootenay West- Revelstoke
684 18 St.
Castlegar, BC
VIN 2M9
365-2792 or 1-800-667-2393

These letters can be mailed
POSTAGE FREE! For additional information you can also contact the Castlegar Weather Office at SS#1, Site 2, Comp. 8, Castlegar BC, VIN 3H7 or phone 365-3607. Thank you.

Susan Lakeman
Crescent Valley.

know that money grows on trees?

Many of us feel sadder with them gone, as one does after losing old friends. Many's the playschool class, Brownie and school group I've taken for walks under those trees in the 18 years I've lived here. Our young adults knew that giant pine as the "loving tree." Generations played and romanced beneath it. Never again.

Sure, that white pine may have had a tendency toward blister rust, the cedars a potential for rot. But they had outlived many of their human neighbours and would have outlived many more. How would it be if we, too, could be cut down at the first hint of disease and sold for parts? Scary thought, isn't it, something that happens in the third world?

Meanwhile one tries to instill hope in one's children, to have faith in the future.

"I'm hungry, Mom."

And so on we go on, sadder and a little less sustained.

Phyllis Del Puppo
Slokan

such a heavy hand in choosing the Commission.

I suggested that a *Rails to Trails* organization be established in Area H and the Commission members be selected from that organization. This would ensure that those who are most interested in creating a useful and interesting trail and park will be represented on the Commission. And, having *Rails to Trails* members in the area would ensure there would be people who were ready and willing to volunteer time and labour for trail

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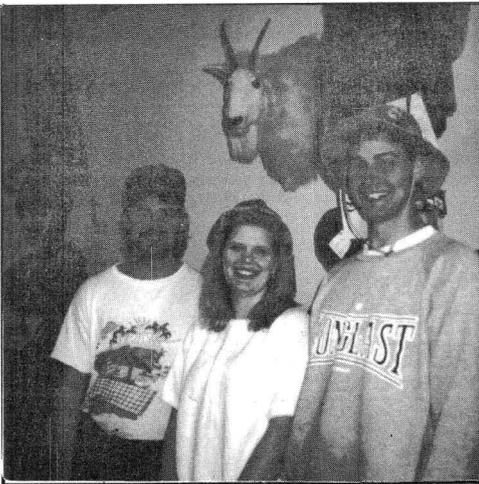
I suggested also the bylaw ensure the Commission represents the main types of users: hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. And, I suggested that property owners near the park have equal representation.

The RDCK Report lists some of the facts and arguments that I presented to back my challenge and to demonstrate that the Commission is not functioning in a way that benefits the park or those who most often

make use of it for recreation. However, it must be made clear that these facts and arguments were not the purpose of my report. The main point is the bylaw must be amended to make the selection of commission members a democratic process that ensures full representation of all the intended user groups and concerned citizens.

Mike Sorci
Silverton

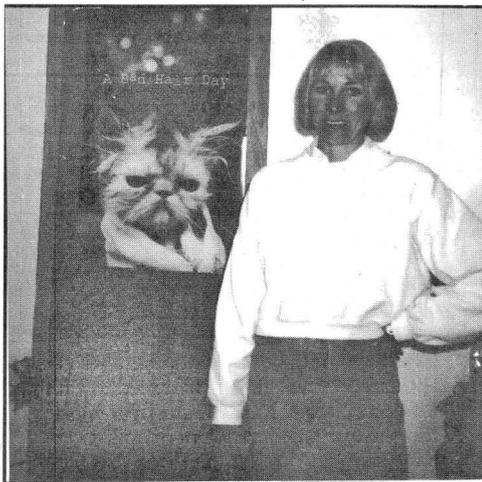
The Bearclaw is Here



Owner Tim Hanson on left, his wife Terri and his brother Richard.

A pawn shop with a difference has opened in Nakusp. Following major renovations, the old barber shop at 316 Broadway is now doing business as *The Bear Claw*. "I always wanted to have a pawn shop," said owner Tim Hanson, who with his wife Terri and brother Richard comprise the staff. "But I realized I needed something else to complement it." "We'll take anything of value," Hanson said, "whether it's sports equipment, tools, jewelry, electronic items, appliances or guns." In addition, *The Bear Claw* carries new items: camping equipment; archery supplies; boat motors; canoes; fishing tackle and coolers. Fishing and hunting licenses are available, as is Mastercard and Visa purchasing. Hanson said, "New stock is arriving every day, and if we don't stock it, we'll get it in...come on in and check us out."

Hair and Now



Dawn Shkuratoff has opened *Little House Hair Design* just North of Winlaw (fire # 5929). Shkuratoff had been working at Jody's Hair in Slocan Park. "When the business was being moved from Slocan Park," she said, "I decided to work out of my home." She renovated a small house next to her home and opened *Little House Hair Design* on Mar 31st. Shkuratoff is a licensed hair dresser with 10 years experience. She provides unisex hair care for the entire family, as well as, perms, colours, cuts and sets.

Infrastructure Works for the West Kootenays

• Creston	funding the second phase of a sewerage project for the Alice Siding area, replacing old on-site systems in the area	\$825,600
• Creston	re-aligning the intersection at Northwest Boulevard and Pine Street to improve safety of vehicle and pedestrian movements	\$71,580
• Creston	repaving 16th Avenue between Canyon and Murdock Street	\$57,200
• Nelson	renovating a portion of the Nelson Electrical Sub-station to provide additional space for the Kootenay School of the Arts	\$1,800,000
• Nelson	upgrading West Richards Street between Vancouver Street and Choquette Avenue to create a new major road for the community	\$316,405
• Nelson	installing standby electrical generators at the airport sewage lift station and the sewage treatment plant to prevent untreated sewage from overflowing into the Kootenay River during power outages	\$225,000
• Nelson	relining an old brick sewer at Ward, Hoover, Silica and Kootenay streets to prevent leakage into the storm sewer system	\$450,000
• Nelson	increasing the present system's capacity and efficiency, the first stage for plant modifications that will eventually lead to secondary treatment	\$900,000
• New Denver	paving Third Avenue and a portion of First Avenue within village limits	\$33,834
• Slocan	replacing a leaking water supply line along West Slocan River Road	\$100,000



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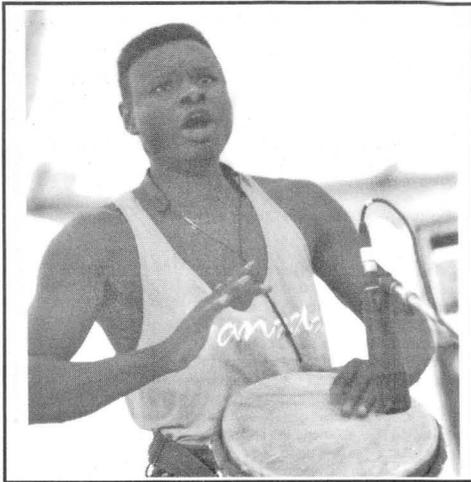
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Alpha Yaya Diallo



Juno Award nominee Alpha Yaya Diallo and his band, Bafing, will be filling Nelson Civic Centre's Badminton Hall with African rhythms on May 13, beginning at 8 PM.

The concert and dance (you can't help but dance) is a fundraiser for Silvertown's own Waldorf-inspired Goat Mountain School.

Alpha Yaya Diallo and Bafing sold out in Nelson the last time they were here. No wonder, when the group has been reviewed as one of the best of its kind in North America. "Talking Drum" magazine named Diallo its Artist of the Year in 1993, and the band's first CD (titled NENE) was nominated for Best Contemporary Global Recording at the Juno Awards.

Diallo's impressive musical career began in Guinea, where he was born. He performed in Belgium, Germany, Holland, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom before immigrating to Canada. He now calls Vancouver home.

If you like your rhythms rich and original and driving, if you like your lyrics in Sous sous, Malinke, Foulah and French as well as English, you won't want to miss Alpha Yaya Diallo and Bafing.

Tickets (\$12 for adults, 9-14 years are \$6, children under 9 are free) are available at New Denver's Motherlode Books and in Nelson at Oliver's Books, Earthborn Organics and the Book Garden Cafe.

***Boycott** from front page this unconditionally. I'm being backed into a corner. This is a form of blackmail. I don't think it's legal. People have been threatened and intimidated into displaying these signs."

Meanwhile the Kaslo & District Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the intent of the contractors' campaign as a way to mark the importance of resource industries to the local economy. What it apparently hasn't known about is the behind-the-scenes arm-twisting that's part of the program.

"I'm attempting to get them to take a position on this," said Reinikka.

Contractors Association spokesperson Stan Baker said, "We are simply trying to create more of an awareness in support of the forestry industry...The idea wasn't for a boycott. It wasn't our intention to offend anybody."

He also said, "I don't think someone should take your money, and then you find out they signed a petition to shut down the forest. If a business doesn't display the sticker, ask why - then you decide if you want to keep shopping there."

Slocan Valley Arts Council AGM

On Sunday, Apr. 30 at 2 PM members of the Slocan Valley Community Arts Council will be meeting to celebrate another successful year of bringing "artistic and cultural" activities to the lower Slocan River Valley.

In past years the Arts Council has concentrated on bringing musical and theatrical performances to the community. Last year they sponsored the highly successful Kootenay Boundary Regional Juried Art Exhibition held at the Crescent Valley Hall.

This year the Council undertook a special literary project called WORDJAM. The focus of the school-based project was to promote and encourage young writers. Local writers, Rita Moir, Carolyn Woodward, Vi Plotnikoff and storyteller Shona Rae took their workshops into local schools over a three week period culminating with a Young Author's presentation. Moir, Woodward and Plotnikoff also participated in writing workshops for adults that the Arts Council co-sponsored with the local Recreation Commission. Funding assistance from RDCK Area H helped the Council turn its "writing idea" into a highly successful project.

Past members of the arts council and community members are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM on April 30. Membership renewal information and details on the location of the meeting can be obtained by calling Laura 226-7347 or Bridye 226-7708 (evenings).

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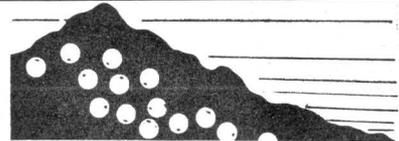
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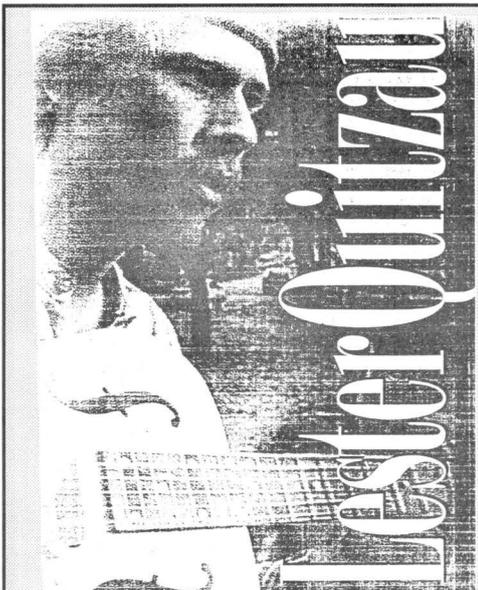


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Silva Plan Released

The Silva Forest Foundation presented an ecosystem based plan and mapping of the Slokan Valley to the public and representatives of the former CORE Table at a meeting Apr. 10 in Silvertown.

The Silva Plan covers 340,000 hectares.

"We were able to do the study through private funding through US Foundations who support environmental work, and provincial funding towards the wages for an intern (Environmental Youth Team), who worked on the mapping project," Silva Forest Foundation Chair Susan Hammond said.

Director Herb Hammond said the project was initiated by the Watershed Sector during the CORE Pilot Project.

He went on to explain the changes that have taken place over the last five years in the Slokan Valley. He referred to the "smoke and mirrors" from the timber industry. When the Spotted Owl issue led to major forest closures in Oregon, it was predicted that there would be 100,000 job losses for loggers and mills. Two years later the actual loss was 15% of predictions, and with the creation of a 100,000 new jobs the

state's UI rate is now just 5%.

Hammond's team used digital and topographical data furnished by the forest service. It took the independent professional forester months to set up a data base for eight areas. Aerial photos were used to define steep slopes and wet and upland forests.



Silva Director Herb Hammond

Response to the plan by those attending the meeting ranged from favourable to merely polite. Slokan Forest Products Division Manager Steve Pelton said of the Silva proposal, "There were no surprises. Silva's view on how the Valley should be managed is different from ours. We thought we had reached a consensus with the Slokan Valley Land Use Plan...It's up to the [Forest] Ministry now."

Sore About CORE

Sinixt Nation Spokesperson Marilyn James says that the new West Kootenay-Boundary Land-Use Plan reinforces the "ghost status" of her people.

She says that instead of being considered a valid sector with valid interests, her people were "not even given consideration" in the final plan.

In a recent news release, James asks, "How many voices besides ours were cut out of the decision-making process?"

The new directors of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee West Kootenay Chapter are as upset as James. New Chapter Director Marilyn Burgoon says that "all the big wilderness areas (proposed dur-

ing the CORE process) were slashed to sizes that are unsustainable."

"Wilderness areas have lost much of the low and mid elevation forest. Industry has been given over 94% of the low and mid elevation forests. For an industry that has for years and years been allowed large scale forest destruction, the failure of government to not protect these last areas is deeply, deeply disappointing," she says.

Burgoon promises that her Kootenay Chapter "will take a more active role in fighting to save those wilderness areas that were left out in the government's recent CORE decision."

Province Sets Forest Rules

Details of British Columbia's new Forest Practices Code were announced on Apr. 12 by Forest Minister Andrew Petter, Environment Minister Moe Sihota and Energy Minister Anne Edwards.

"Forest operations have been following the spirit and intent of the code for the past year," said Sihota.

The 18 regulations which make up part of the code have been enacted to take effect June 15. They cover silvicultural and road construction practices, and are meant to aid soil conservation and forest fire prevention.

Some key features of the code call for:

- "no-harvest reserve zones"

within 20-50 metres (depending on stream size) of "major" fish-bearing streams and streams in community watersheds;

- restrictions to clearcutting unstable slopes, visually sensitive areas and old growth areas deemed necessary for wildlife habitat protection;

- qualified professional designs for roads that cross steep or gullied terrain;

- increased staff to monitor and enforce the code;

- establishment of an independent Forest Practices Board to receive and investigate complaints, conduct audits and report to the public.

WCWC Fireworks

Paul George, founder of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, visited Nelson on April 8. When he left, the WCWC's West Kootenay Chapter was in shambles.

According to a press release from former Chapter board member Claudette Burton, George attended the Chapter's annual general meeting "to solidify ties and to clarify some policy matters."

Instead of solidarity, fireworks were the order of the evening when the Chapter directors resigned en masse after George criticized them for taking part as individuals on the provincial Commission on Resources and Environment (CORE).

According to Burton, George made it plain that "...programs and opinions contrary to the founder's approval are unacceptable for (local) directors..."

George has told the Valley Voice, "We (the WCWC) didn't like the backroom dealings of the CORE process, and worked outside CORE. We did not sit at the table. We went to the public with the issues. Apparently, the directors (of the West Kootenay Chapter) worked at the CORE table and put WCWC on the back burner. They were making policy decisions and made public statements. People thought they represented WCWC."



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Director of Education: Technology Implementation 0.5 FTE

This position will be responsible for the following:

1. co-ordination of technology growth and development in support of teaching and learning in cooperation with school lab managers and other staff.
2. plan for and implement expanded use of Pathfinders, New Directions in Distance Learning, and telecommunications in the District.
3. provide in-service and coordinate in-service for staff on the use of technology particularly CLN and telecommunications.
4. coordinate the development of the next phase of our District technology plan.
5. work with Career Education staff on the Skills Now project in expanding the use of technology for career education, particularly for work experience.
6. work with the Navigators project on related technology issues.
7. liaise with the West Kootenay Telecommunications consortium.

Qualifications necessary:

1. training, experience and technical skills in the use of technology, particularly telecommunications, to support teaching and learning.
2. experience in schools with systems such as Pathfinders and New Directions in Distance Learning.
3. experience in providing in-service on the use of CLN and other related educational uses of technology.
4. knowledge of provincial and international developments in the use of technology, for education in particular.
5. knowledge of developments in Career Education and the Navigators project.
6. ability to work collaboratively with adults and students.
7. has a valid B.C. Teaching Certificate.

Applications including a complete resume and at least three professional references should be sent to Mr. Daniel J. Russell, Superintendent of Schools, School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes), PO Box 340, Nakusp, B.C., V0G 1R0. (Fax: (604) 265-3701, Phone: (604) 265-3638), by noon, May 1, 1995. We recommend applications be faxed to avoid delays.

PLEASE NOTE: School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) is a non-smoking environment. It is School District policy that all applicants must agree to submit to a criminal record search before appointment. An offer of appointment may be withdrawn as a result of the search.

Global Learning In A Rural Setting



Carol's Comments

by Carol Stroshein

Are you looking for safe and healthy alternatives to the glut of health products and remedies found on today's market?

Teeth of the Lion—Dandelion

Spring is just around the corner and the gardener's bane with it—dandelions. Well, this year try to look at them in a different light—as an excellent herbal remedy for various disorders.

During the Middle Ages Europeans believed in the Doctrine of Signature, the idea that plants' physical characteristics reveal their healing powers. They related the dandelion's yellow to the liver's yellow bile and used it accordingly to treat jaundice and gallstones. Because dandelion stimulates the flow of bile, it is an excellent digestive aid as well.

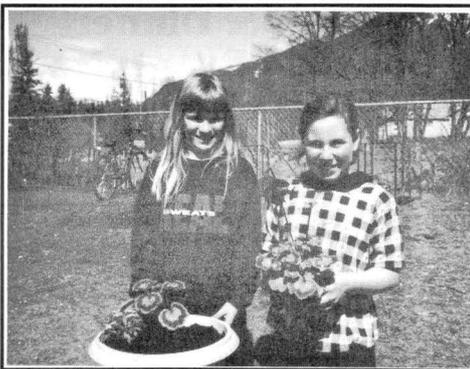
Dandelion acts as a diuretic for the treatment of water retention and high blood pressure. Make a decoction from the roots or an infusion from the leaves and drink three cups a day. Inflammatory skin problems are helped greatly by the herb's detoxifying effects. Dandelion is considered a bitter herb with cool energy.

Use one cup of fresh dandelion leaves in a salad and you will have more Vitamin A than in a carrot. Because Vitamin A is an antioxidant, dandelion is used in combination with Vitamin C and other herbs as a cancer preventative. It also is used in

the treatment of *Candida Albicans*. Add a handful of leaves and flowers to your bath as dandelion inhibits the fungus that causes yeast infections.

Harvest only the tender young leaves to enjoy fresh. Dig up the second year roots. Dandelion roots are often dried and ground up, then blended with barley and rye for a delicious coffee substitute containing no caffeine. Health food stores and independent distributors carry dandelion herbal remedies for intensive treatments.

Schools Celebrate Earth Day



Natasha Black (left) and Lovella Allard from Glenbank School.



Valerie Petersen's Grade 4/5 class at Lucerne School

Local students celebrated International Earth Day by planting hundreds of western red cedar seedlings throughout School District #10 on Apr. 21.

The young trees were donated courtesy of Clair Kooistra from Nursery Administration Services in Vernon.

Nakusp's Glenbank School also held an Earth Day assembly, joined by Halcyon Home residents. Following the assembly, each class helped clean up the grounds and planted flowers to beautify the school.

1995 marks the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the brainchild of American Senator Gaylord Nelson. On Apr. 22, 1970, twenty million Americans went public to protest the pollution of our planet and to urge lawmakers to protect it.

Since then, Earth Day celebrations have gone international, with the double aims of encouraging both personal participation and government action to protect and restore the world's environment.

An unforeseen surprise to its original organizers has been the effectiveness of individuals and small local groups to improve and protect their environment at the grassroots level.

Scouts Plant Trees

Scouts, Cubs and beavers from the Nelson District will be planting over 2,000 trees under the Scoutrees for Canada Program on May 6. Across Canada 3.5 million trees will be planted.

Ieuan Gilmore, a Director of the Nelson District Scout Council, is the Scoutrees for Canada co-ordinator. Some 200 Scouts from Nelson,

Salmo, Kaslo, North Shore, South Slokan, Silverton, New Denver and Nakusp will be out in force on planting day. Most of the boys will be planting in the Smallwood Creek watershed. MLA Corky Evans has agreed to plant the first tree. Several members of the Ministry of Forests, Kootenay Lake District Office will be volunteering their time to ensure

the success of the planting. They will also provide the trees. Nakusp Scouts will be planting in their area with the cooperation of Pope and Talbot Limited.

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NOTES FROM THE RCMP



New Denver Detachment

A complaint of littering near Slocan West Road was received in early Apr. New Denver RCMP would like to remind the public that littering and roadside dumping is illegal and persons caught are liable to a \$500 fine and criminal charges. Citizens are encouraged: to use the dump facilities in place; to use the newly set up recycling program in Slocan; to report anyone they see littering.

Over the weekend of Apr. 14/15, an outdoor hanging light was stolen from a New Denver residence. The light is described as being handmade, consisting of numerous plastic cups joined together to form a globe shape. Anyone having information about this theft is urged to contact the new Denver RCMP.

On Apr. 13 New Denver RCMP

attended a two vehicle accident of the corner of Hwy 6 and 7th Ave. in New Denver. A 1992 blue Subaru, driven by Andrew Leathwood of Kaslo, was westbound along 7th Ave. After stopping the stop sign at the Hwy 6 intersection, the vehicle proceeded to cross the highway and was struck by a northbound 1984 grey Volkswagen driven by January England of Nelson. Damage to the two vehicles is estimated at \$4500. Charges are not being contemplated against either driver.

On Apr. 15 a 1990 Ford Tempo driven by Lorne Mills of New Denver was southbound on Hwy 6 near Hills. A deer ran onto the road and hit the vehicle on the right front quarter panel, rolled onto the hood and mashed the windshield. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

On Apr. 16, a 1988 Pontiac, driven by Brian McKee of Silverton, was southbound on Red Mountain Road. A deer bounded onto the road and collided with the vehicle's front bumper, rolled over the hood and landed on the trunk. Damage is estimated at \$4,000.

Motorists are reminded that there is a large population of wild animals in this area. These animals are not versed in traffic safety. The onus is on the motorist to be aware that animals can, and do, jump in front of vehicles. The result of these types of collisions is usually a hefty repair bill and an increase in insurance premiums.

A yellow and black boys BRC mountain bike, found in the Orchard, may be claimed at detachment.

Nakusp Detachment

Nakusp RCMP attended a single vehicle accident the evening of Apr. 12 when a 1979 GMC pickup rolled on the Lower Innoaklin Rd. in Edgewood. Both occupants sustained injuries, one with internal injuries being transported to Vancouver General Hospital. Alcohol is believed to be a factor; police are investigating. Any witnesses please contact the Nakusp RCMP.

On Apr. 11 RCMP were called to a Columbia Crescent residence on a report of break and enter. The residence was unoccupied and nothing was reported stolen, but charges are pending against two youths identified by RCMP.

Another home was broken into between Apr. 16 and 17 on Glenacres

Rd. A second story window was pried open and some jewelry was stolen; it was later found on the lawn. Police are investigating but do not believe the two incidents are related.

Nakusp RCMP issued two 24-hour roadside suspensions over the weekend of Apr. 15/16.

On Apr. 19 a gold ring was turned in to Nakusp RCMP; owner may claim by identifying.

Over the weekend of Apr. 15/16 two excavators were damaged at Nakusp East Road.

Four large green mailboxes were flipped over on Donnelly's Rd. on the night of Apr. 13. Police are investigating.

A 19-year-old area man has been identified in relation to recent signage

vandalism in Nakusp area; formal charges are pending.

Nakusp RCMP consider the numerous acts of mischief occurring over the past six weeks to be serious criminal acts. Of major concern is the damage to traffic signs. These signs are in place to control and regulate the movement of traffic. There is the possibility of a serious or even fatal accident due to a sign that has been damaged or defaced. The responsible party could face criminal charges, with penalties from ten years to life imprisonment. In instances where damage to property exceeds \$1,000 the convicted person on indictment is liable to ten years imprisonment.

Nakusp Court News

Provincial Court was held in Nakusp on Apr. 19.

Charges of impaired driving, refusing a breathalyzer test and dangerous driving against Scott David Abbot-Brown were moved to Vancouver.

Bradley Darren Lythgoe was charged with causing a disturbance, assaulting a Peace Officer, mischief and assault causing bodily harm. He will next appear in Nelson Provincial Court for sentencing.

Tobias G. Haugland was charged

with obtaining a hunting license while prohibited, two charges of hunting while prohibited and hunting while in possession of a firearm.

Tim Strebchuk appeared charged with four counts: hunting during prohibited hours; using a hand held spotlight while hunting; carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle; and failing to store a firearm properly.

Alex F. Strebchuk appeared charged with hunting during prohibited hours and using a hand held spotlight while hunting Hangland's

and Strebchuk's cases were adjourned until July 7.

Andrew John Dendura was acquitted on one count of assault and one count of causing mischief.

Buck Edwin Richards was acquitted of impaired, but found guilty and fined \$300, in default. He was prohibited from driving for one year.

A young offender was fined \$250. for mischief and is required to pay restitution of \$450.

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Cottonseed meal, with an analysis of 6-2-1 is also a good, quick source of nitrogen in a more balanced form and can be applied at the same rate.

Steamed bone meal provides a small amount of nitrogen, lots of phosphorous, calcium and some trace minerals. With an analysis of 1-24-0 its application rate is 5 lbs per 100 sq. feet.

Kelp meal, which is made from Atlantic Ocean algae will supply many trace elements to help plant metabolism and health.

For that extra boost to new transplants, or an ailing plant, you can make up a liquid fertilizer to water around or foliar feed.

Fish fertilizer will quickly rectify nitrogen deficiencies while also supplying some phosphorous, potash and many trace elements to keep the soil balanced.

Seaweed fertilizer will supply many trace elements, as well as some

phosphorous and potash, some plant enzymes and hormones. This product will help rebalance soils and promote lush growth and plant health.

To create your own garden fertilizer, try these formulas:

- 4-5-4 • two parts dried blood, one part rock phosphate, four parts wood ashes;

- 0-5-4 • one part rock phosphate, three parts greensand, two parts wood ashes.

The super garden mix recipe: one part bloodmeal, one part cotton seed; one part bone meal, two parts soft rock phosphate, one part hard rock phosphate, three parts greensand; three parts granite meal; two parts kelp meal. Use this at a rate of 5 to 10 lbs per 100 sq feet yearly.

But as well as these fertilizers, don't forget to keep adding organic matter to your soil. Organic matter opens heavy soils, making them more easily workable, and binds sandy soil, improving its water retention. This organic matter can be in the form of compost, green manure, composted manures, or turned-in mulch. By doing this you will be feeding the soil, not only your plants. As the organic matter breaks down it also releases nutrients.

Ray Nikkel is landscape designer with Valley Landscape Nursery.

The Annual General Meeting of the **New Denver & Area Home Health Care Society** will take place on **Wednesday May 24, 1995** in the Hospital Board Room at 415 Galena, New Denver.

Time: 7:00 pm

All interested parties are invited to attend. We look forward to your participation and hope you will join us in becoming a member of the society.

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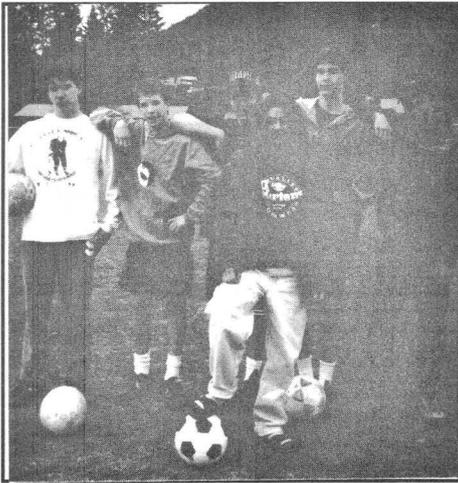
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Lakers Go Co-ed



by Katrine Campbell

Lucerne Lakers senior boys' soccer team has started its fall season early, with practices twice a week. This spring, though, there's a difference. The formerly all-male team now

has its first female player. Grade 11 student Jennifer Lindstein had been playing with the girls' team but found there wasn't enough of a challenge competing

against other female teams. She decided to show up to practice with the boys and was quickly accepted.

"Some of the guys asked me to play. I wouldn't have done it otherwise," says Lindstein, noting that teacher Kevin Murphy had first suggested the idea. Coach Jamie Rice was surprised by her appearance at practice but says she's a good player and is welcome to stay.

The boys have a "more aggressive" style, Lindstein says, and are more competitive. Asked if she finds it harder to play that way, she laughs and says, "Well, I don't feel like I'm dying out there."

Although her team-mates have accepted her, the test will come when Lakers start playing other schools and face the possibility of their opponents' objections to Lindstein's presence on the team.

"I wouldn't understand why they would object, but I'd accept it," she says.

Hockey Awards Given at Banquet

A netful of prize hardware was passed out at the Nakusp Minor Hockey Banquet held on Apr. 19.

In his welcoming speech, Master of Ceremonies Carl Chwachka dedicated the night to all the volunteers "whose efforts make them the heart and soul of this organization."

This season four local teams participated in the West Kootenay League, with the Midgets shooting their way to a 3rd Place finish in the provincial tournament.

All the players were presented with Esso Achievement Certificates by Benny and Wendy Bruneau.

Medal and trophy winners were:
MIDGETS-- Robbie Buchanan

(Russell Jones Memorial Trophy for "Playmaker of the Year"); Dustin Marchischuk (Randy Obyashi Memorial Trophy for "Most Sportsmanlike"); Jason Stevens (RCMP Trophy for "Goalie of the Year"); Jesse Gimble (Most Improved);

BANTAMS--Dustin Blair (Playmaker of the Year plus Most Valuable Player); Chris Ewings (Most Sportmanlike); Keith Steenhoff (Most Improved); Joey Chwachka (Most Dedicated);

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Sivilay (Most Improved); Ken Hockman (Most Sportsmanlike);

ATOMS-- Jesse Wilcott (Playmaker of the Year); Nolan Beingessner (Most Dedicated); Dorian Turner (Most Improved); Jesse Martin (Most Sportsmanlike); SENIOR NOVICES-- Ramsey McKee (Most Dedicated); Luke McQuair (Most Improved); Eric Pirie (Most Sportsmanlike).

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From left at back: Anjuli Gabriel, Melissa Roberts, Brooke Lythgoe, Darci Martin. From left at front: Natasha Black, Angela Rupp, Vanessa Jahnke, Katie Wilcott. These girls received Precision and Can Figure awards.

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For more information about the Student Business Loans program, contact the FBDB branch in your area or call FBDB toll-free at 1-800-361-2126.

Vallican Whole AGM

The Vallican Whole Community Centre holds its Annual General Meeting Sunday, May 7, with a potluck starting at 6 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Celebrating its 24th anniversary, the society will begin looking at the possibility of working with interested people and groups to set up a senior citizens' home in the lower valley.

The society, which operates the Vallican Whole, is called the Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society (RARTS) and over the years has helped the Vallican Whole School, the food co-op and the Dumont Creek Burial Society.

"We've helped set up community organizations from cradle to grave," said one board member, "so now it's time to think about a senior citizens' home."

Board members met in Apr. with Judy Gayton and Ann Harvey, local people skilled in organizing housing projects, and the community members interested in needs of seniors.

At the AGM May 7, the board will report on that decision.

For more information, call Rita Moir at 226-7759 or Paul Wilkinson at 226-7894.

Lead Shot Banned

Through changes to federal and provincial legislation hunters will no longer be able to use lead shot for hunting water fowl with the start of the 1995 hunting season, Environment, Lands and Parks Minister Moe Sihota announced Apr. 12.

The ban applies to shot containing more than one per cent lead. Persons found using lead shot could lose their migratory bird hunting permit for at least one year and face a maximum fine of \$5,000, or up to six months in prison for a first offense.

"Many ducks, geese and swans ingest lead shot, and they suffer from lead poisoning," said Sihota, "Bald eagles are also being affected by secondary lead poisoning when they feed on crippled waterfowl." Federal studies show that more than 10% of ducks studied in parts of the Kootenays, south and central Interior and south coast had high levels of lead contamination.

The province and Environment Canada proposed the lead shot ban in 1993, giving hunters two years notice to prepare for the change. The ban applies to hunting waterfowl, coot and snipe. Non-toxic alternatives such as bismuth shot are permitted. It does not apply to target shooting or gamebird hunting in upland areas, unless there is a conflict with an important wetland.

Big Grant to KSA

Jobs, the rehabilitation of a downtown heritage building and more education opportunities are the result of a million dollar announcement made on Apr. 10.

Nelson-Creston MLA Corky Evans announced at Nelson City Council's meeting that Kootenay School of the Arts will receive a \$1.8 million Infrastructure Works grant to rehabilitate the former Nelson Electrical Substation, located on the corner of Josephine and Victoria streets in downtown Nelson.

"This is truly a remarkable achievement," said Bernie Swendsen, chair of KSA's building committee. "In receiving this grant KSA will not only be restoring a heritage building—the city's oldest stone building—but will be able to increase their enrolment, provide students with larger studios and bring most of KSA's operations under one roof."

This larger facility will also allow KSA to offer second and third year programming as planned.

Construction should begin Aug. 1 with an emphasis on local hire. The project should be complete by next spring.

Angrignon Joins Corporate Elite

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W I S E C R A C K S

By David Baxter, RSW, Silvertown



I'm sitting in the bathtub, soaking in hot water and early morning stupor. Two Australian Koala bears grin at me from the green bottle of shampoo perched in the corner of the tub. Underneath the grinning bears are the words SPECIAL KIWI FORMULA. My 5:30 AM brain struggles with the concept. Is that Kiwi the fruit or Kiwi the bird? Through one

eye I check the colour of the shampoo—green. Must be the fruit. God knows what is green and comes from birds! I grope for the next level of consciousness. Kiwi and New Zealand stick in my mind. Koala bears and Australia. Over two thousand miles of water separate the two countries, but here they are on one shampoo bottle. It's too much. I submerge my head hoping to increase the blood flow to my brain. Things don't improve.

Why am I buying Australian shampoo with New Zealand fruit in it? Am I supposed to emerge from my bath looking like Greg Norman? Is my hair supposed to take on the consistency of a Koala bear? Is this yet another marketing technique to boost the sales of Kiwi fruit? Suddenly the image of my mother appears in the other corner of the bathtub. She is

washing her hair with a bar of Sunlight soap, just like she did all the time I was growing up. Another flash! I am hearing all the warnings of dry hair and split ends and heaven only knows what will happen if I don't use the right soap, I mean shampoo, for my hair.

Finally the warm water to the head method begins to pay off. I come to my senses, pull the plug and rise like some pink whale from the bathtub. I banish Australian shampoo, Kiwi fruit and all the Koala bears from the bathroom—this is, after all, my place of refuge. But I do give one parting thought to the fact that my mother still has a great head of hair, while I, on the other hand, with all the fancy shampoo in the world, seem to be losing a goodly patch of mine.

Callison's Mathletes



Back row from left: Nicholas Charet, Kieth Steenhoff, Darrell Steenhoff. Middle row from left: Dan Felardeau, Stephanie Brekke, Julia vonKrogh, Heather Varaleau, Jasmin Caton, Jennifer Bouillet, Chyllia Zoll, Roey Strand. Front row from left: Colleen Murphy, Lila Zack, Kaitlan Murphy, Jason Hicks.

New Denver—Lucerne High School math whizzes are East and West Kootenay champions.

The grade nine students placed first in the University of Waterloo Mathematics contest. Some 104,000 students and 1400 schools participate in the annual event.

Team coach, math teacher Dick Callison said Lucerne has won one of the three grade (9, 10 and 11) contests seven times in the last ten years.

Lucerne's top individual scorers were: Jasmine Caton (first); Don Felardeau (he's a Grade 8 student, third); Kaitlin Murphy (tenth).

Number Crunchers Score High

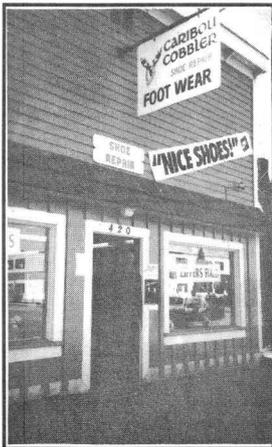
Six WE Graham students have won awards for their performance in the National Pascal Mathematics exam.

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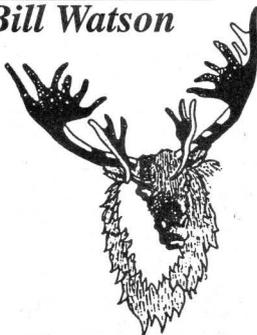
Stooshnoff, Tyler Hicks, Sarah Kittle, Tim Lindsay and Lawson Bradley (listed in order of finish) all ranked among the top 25% of Grade 8/9 students in Canada.

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by Carol Bell

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Aries: pioneer, impulsive, independent. First house, ruled by Mars.

Taurus: stable, dependable practical. Second house, ruled by Venus.

Gemini: congenial, expressive, dexterous. Third house, ruled by Mercury.

Cancer: tenacious, traditional, sensitive. Fourth house, ruled by Moon.

Leo: dramatic, creative, generous. Fifth house, ruled by Sun.

Virgo: industrious, discriminating, analytical. Sixth house, ruled by Mercury.

Libra: cooperative, refined, suave. Seventh house, ruled by Venus.

Scorpio: penetrating, determined, aware. Eighth house, ruled by Pluto.

Sagittarius: philosophical, enthusiastic, athletic. Ninth house, ruled by Jupiter.

Capricorn: responsible, conventional, serious. Tenth house, ruled by Saturn.

Aquarius: inventive, humane, scientific. Eleventh house, ruled by Uranus.

Pisces: compassionate, intuitive, introspective. Twelfth house, ruled by Neptune.

The relationship between the signs, planets and houses can be described in terms of a play. The planets are actors, the signs are roles and houses are stages or settings. Aspects between the planets show the interaction or plot of the play. As the various planets transit; the energy of the play is set in motion; the duration is determined by the speed of the transiting planet.

So which planet is doing what to which of your planets at any given time—is the question? The Sun enters Taurus on Apr. 20 and exits on May 21. Traditionally this brings out that stable, earthy practicality in all of us. Leos may find a need to make adjustments to their schedules. The urge will be there to get things done but consider your options/alternatives.

There will be a solar eclipse at 10:36 AM on Apr. 29.

The Moon begins this period in Capricorn, moving through the 12 signs of the zodiac it is in Aquarius as this period ends. The full moon is in Scorpio May 14 and the new moon occurs at the same time as the eclipse of the sun on Apr. 29. Cancerians would do well to attune to the place-

ments of the moon as they are so sensitive to its effects.

Mercury begins at 7° of Taurus, enters Gemini on May 2 and ends this period at 17° of Gemini. This should prove to be an eventful time for Gemini individuals—travel, communications and siblings will all be highlighted. Virgo is also ruled by Mercury. The trine aspect with Taurus will provide an earthy base for Virgos to analyze and contemplate whereas Gemini energy could challenge some basic beliefs.

Venus travels from 28° of Pisces, through the 30° of Aries to end this period at 4° of Taurus. Libran and Taurus individuals will find this energy a little too active for their liking. Egotism and a desire to control can be mistaken for love.

Mars moves slower, going from 17° to 27° of Leo. Aries, in particular, will enjoy outer manifestation of energy. This will be a good time to work on projects that require positive fiery energy.

Jupiter continues retrograde motion going from 15° to 12° of Sagittarius. People everywhere should take advantage of this opportunity to expand their consciousness (not just

their waistlines). For Sagitarians in particular, it is a time of growth and maturity.

Saturn moves from 20° to 23° Pisces and comes closer to achieving the sextile with Neptune. Capricorn and Pisces individuals will thrive as the ability to balance material as well as spiritual needs is intensified.

Uranus begins at 0°23", Aquarius turns retrograde on May 5 until Oct. of this year. Now is a good time to examine and resolve issues pertaining to those conservative attitudes that bother Aquarians so much.

Neptune alternates between direct and retrograde motion for another three years before entering Aquarius in 1998. It begins this period at 0°23" of Capricorn, going retrograde on Apr. 27, a time to delve into spiritual matters for all signs with Pisces setting the example, and Saturn providing discipline and perspective.

Pluto re-enters Scorpio on Apr. 22, continuing retrograde motion to end this period at 29°11". The sextile aspect will continue with Uranus over several years. Scorpios, in particular, will enjoy exploring the deepest elements of consciousness.

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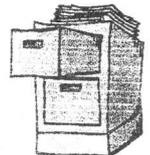
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Selkirk College offers: Transportation Endorsement, May 5. For more information and pre-registration call Selkirk College at 265-4077. *28/04*

MISC. FOR SALE

Mulch Hay 2.50 bale; Horse Hay 3.50 bale; 226-7078. *07/07*

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Rental Wanted: 2-3 bedroom house, New Denver/Silvertown for approx. one year; mature, responsible, non-smoking couple. Steve/ Jane 358-2775. *27/04*

NOTICES

Treat Mom like a Queen, take her for a drive in the beautiful Slocan Valley and stop in for Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Passmore Hall. Watch for hwy signs. Breakfast served from 9 am - 1 pm, Sunday, May 14. Plant sale and door prize. Hosted by Passmore Senior Citizens. *28/04*

JOHN'S GARDEN

An Exhibition of Photographs by **Patrizia Menton** with written reflections by **John Norris**. Reception May 5, 7-9 pm Showing one night only, Silvertown Gallery (The show will be in Kaslo at the Langham from May 23 to June 10)

Drums, dance, party with Ngoma. All-age boogie, Slocan Valley Mother's Group Benefit. Vallican Whole, Apr. 29, doors open 8 pm. Advance tickets only \$10, available at Winlaw MiniMart, Earthborn and Eddie's Music. *28/04*

The Vallican Whole School is accepting registrations for the 1995/96 school year. 23 years of creative child centered alternative education, flexible tuition and small classes in a professional staff/family run cooperative. Children 5 years old and up. Call 226-7737 for further information. *28/04*

Multi-family garage sale: Saturday, May 6, 10 am - 3 pm, Threads Guild Hall, Hwy 6 between Winlaw and Slocan. Local watershed fundraiser, refreshments, maps and info. For further info call JC at 355-2475 or Julie at 226-7672. *28/04*

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Valley Voice Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Jordan's territory
- Pianist, Victor _____
- The gist
- Managerial group
- Paradise to some
- Expresses disgust
- The seven days after next Thursday
- A compass point
- Exist
- MacDonald's bill
- Toolman's helper (TV)
- Disencumber
- Railway storage area
- Used car description
- Received the cheque
- No way, no how
- Public House
- Fantasize
- USA narcotics control group

DOWN

- Not SSW
- It is the "rice beer"
- Not "a wasp"
- Mr. King
- An exclamation (elbow in stomach)
- To pour down
- "Sunrise" ingredient
- The Ford lemon
- A tennis "let"
- The solution
- Stigma
- The fluff on wool
- Disreputable bar
- Invade
- The Caspian, for one...
- Modern "fingerprint"
- A hotel apt. or ste.

Answers on page 3

Fashion Dream a Reality

A *Midsummer Night's Dream* will come true for those lucky people attending the Nakusp Merchants' fashion show at the Tenderfoot Lodge on Friday, May 5.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, beverages, an exciting display of seasonal clothing for men and women, live dance and entertainment, a mini-auction, and the chance to win door prizes as well as merchant discounts.

Proceeds from the gala will be donated to Nakusp Community Ser-

vices for programs to assist and shelter victims of family violence.

Event co-organizer Michelle Daoust says the evening promises to have "something for everyone."

Your *Midsummer Night's Dream* begins at 6 PM at the Tenderfoot. Your support will help some whose "dream" is simply for a safe home.

Tickets are \$17. They are available at the Broadway Deli and Nakusp Community Services.

Total Ban on Sturgeon Fishing

A province-wide ban on sturgeon fishing was announced Apr. 21 by Environment, Lands and Parks Minister Moe Sihota. He also allocated \$451,000 for Habitat Conservation Fund projects to study white sturgeon in the Fraser River and Columbia River watersheds.

Although the provincial sturgeon population is unknown, there are only an estimated 2,000 sturgeon in the Kootenays. Sturgeon fishing is banned in Kootenay, Duncan and Trout lakes, and the Kootenay River from Creston to the US border. BC

shares the Kootenay River's sturgeon population with the US, where the species is classified as endangered. Ministry staff participated in a joint Canada/US recovery team recently set up to help restore the shared population.

White sturgeon, BC's largest freshwater fish, can reach lengths of more than six metres, weigh up to 810 kilograms and live well over 100 years.

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