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Halcyon receiver looking for manager

NAKUSP—Mender Property Services Ltd. in Burnaby will be sending letters to people owed money by Halcyon Health Spa Ltd. in the next week or so, according to company spokesperson Kate Therrien. Mender is the receiver, appointed by the bank which holds the mortgage on the spa/resort at Halcyon Hot Springs. The move was approved by the shareholders.

Mender has taken over day-to-day operation of the business and is interviewing for a new manager. It collects the revenue, pays the bills, holds accounts in trust and reports to the lender and to the owners.

Therrien is not in bankruptcy, Therrien said.

"As receivers we do just about everything," she added. "We are doing the business of Halcyon."



Happy Birthday, Canada!

Frances Harding and Phyllis Ott helped hungry kids celebrate Canada Day in Silverton, handing out pieces of the huge birthday cake.

Community control of logging: water users, VWS don't support the concept

"If you give up the opportunity of control because of dogma you're a fool."—Ralph Moore, environmentalist

"We don't accept community consensus if it results in hazards."—Ann Sherrod, Valhalla Wilderness Society

APPLEDALE—About 80 people showed up June 26 at a public meeting to talk about the possibility of the community taking over management of forests in the southern Slokan Valley.

The Perry Ridge Water Users Association refused to support the idea.

"We don't accept the risk," said spokesperson Marilyn Burgoon.

"Then all I can say is 'be part of the process,'" replied Tom Gaines, a Community Forest Management biologist.

The meeting was called by Area H Director Don Munro to "develop possible strategies to ensure meaningful community involvement in future Crown land decisions affecting residents living on Perry Ridge and surrounding areas." This inaugural meet-

ing was a general discussion; future meetings will get into more specific and detailed information.

As well as Munro and his alternate, June McEwen, speakers included RDCK planner Dave Wahn, Leah Malkinson, Ian Hamann and Al Skakun from the Ministry of Forests, Susan Hammond from Silva Forest Foundation, Gary Boyden, manager of Creston Valley Forest Corporation's log yard for the community's forest licence, Ramona Faust from the Harrop-Procter Watershed Protection Society, Gaines and environmental spokesperson Ann Sherrod.

Munro said he had had a number of requests from citizens that he couldn't answer, and felt he has a responsibility to bring people together. The regional district "has no interest in assuming any legal or financial responsibility" for events on the ridge. He said he would be willing to work towards water protection, after someone pointed out that BC is the only province without groundwater protection.

Munro added he has "tried to keep away from special interest groups" and asked everyone to respect one another.

The Silva Forest Foundation worked with the Harrop/Procter community, one of seven pilot projects in the province and the first to have an eco-based flexibility. Silva's Susan Hammond explained the difference between a Community Forest Agreement, which is area based, and a Community Forest Licence, which is volume based.

A CFL licensee has to cut the volume specified in the licence, with an annual allowable cut outlined in the permit. The CFA means the community can decide the boundaries of the area and how much wood to cut.

There is "no reason to think a lot of things couldn't be negotiated," Hammond said. "We need to think about it and talk to each other...we need to learn to talk to each other again, we need to trust one another again."

Asked if Silva could come up with plan, she said there was too much dissension and it would have to be worked out before they could do anything.

She added, "a Community Forest Agreement will allow us more control" but it is Crown land and they would still have to deal with government.

"Are we willing, ready and able to do it?"

Ramona Faust, of the Harrop/Procter Watershed Protection Society, said their CFA covers 10,600 ha. and the land and trees dictate their plan. "It allows us to manage for other values" including wildlife, water quality and recreation. Anything over a 60% slope is not on the table for logging.

The Creston Valley Forest Corporation was set up to handle that community's forest licence. Log yard manager Gary Boyden and his colleagues Jim Smith, Dr. William Mitchell-Banks (public perspective) and Ralph Moore (environmental community)

explained they received funding through economic development and the FRBC. The volunteer board is set up with a corporate structure, and had to borrow start-up money. A small AAC is set and they are required to meet the cut.

The CVFC received its first cutting permit in October last year for 15,000 cubic metres. The stumpage fees wound up being \$39.75/m³ instead of the anticipated \$25; it now owes \$265,000, including \$221,000 stumpage. This year it has a permit to log 36,000m³ and the stumpage is now \$17. Most of the loan will be paid off from these revenues. Hamann, MOF's Manager of Resource Operations, said they will start gathering information on road location, silviculture etc. for harvesting next year. Asked about water chlorination he said that, according to Health, all surface water should be treated. If there is damage to a consumptive watershed, a contingency plan would be put in place right away;

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Community logging meeting

in the past the ministry (i.e., the taxpayer) has absorbed most of the cost.

Skakun, manager of MOF's small business program said the return to the economy is \$3 to \$4 for every dollar spent in this district and throughout the province.

"You haven't put a value to water," said Stephan Martineau.

The auditor general's estimated cost

of providing safe water in the province is \$700 million divided by 100 municipalities, with additional maintenance costs of \$300,000 per year, he said.

Moore, who said he represents Creston-area environmental groups, has worked for years to prevent logging in watersheds.

"Our main problem is stumpage is

hostile to economic logging" and it promotes road building.

"One after the other your watersheds will be logged," and he urged those at the meeting to take control of the process because "if you give up the opportunity of control because of dogma, you're a fool."

Ann Sherrod, a Valhalla Wilderness Society director, said the MOF mainly keeps control and "There's no [community] control unless MOF and government reduces the AAC...whether it's a community forest licence or a community forest agreement a corporation will be formed.

"They will be basing their business plan on the Perry Ridge timber supply."

The key thing is the corporation takes responsibility for the roads, the hottest issue on the ridge.

"The whole valley decides—that puts jobs first, the economy first, not health and safety," she said.

"Either we have to work together or conflicts just keep going," said Gaines. When Burgoon took exception to this statement, Gaines said "I don't want to see my friends [still] going to jail in 25 years."

The people he was involved with made compromises, he said, and "the only option we have is to work together."

A suggestion came from the floor that they needed to look at secondary industry, with the comment "when all we do is condemn all the suggestions put forward, we seem like a pretty negative group."

\$42k for organic office

The province has allocated \$42,000 in funding for staffing and operating a Certified Organic Association office in Vernon, Corky Evans announced June 27. An agriculture specialist will be hired to work with the organization. Evans said he would like to see the funding given annually to the new office, which will cover the area from Fort Saint John to Creston. Evans said the price of apples is the lowest it has been since the Depression at three cents a pound—but the price of organic apples is 75 cents per pound.

"Consumers want more choices," Evans said.

He also explained that the Agriculture Food Choice and Quality Act, which has received second reading in the legislature, was held up to give producers more input into what should be—or shouldn't be—in food certified as organic. The act will also provide for labelling of non-genetically-modified seed.

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OPEN HOUSE

Slokan Forest Products Ltd. Proposed Changes to its existing Olivine Burner

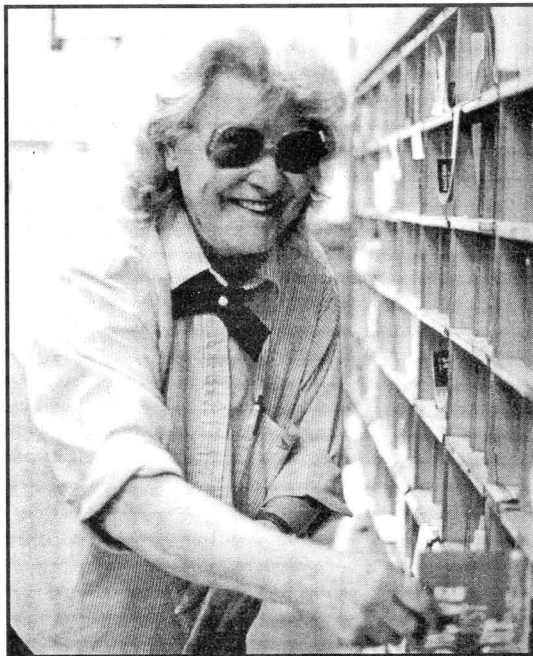
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Slokan Forest Products Ltd. extends an invitation to the general Public to attend an Open House on July 19th, 2000 to review design changes and discuss the proposed modifications to the existing Olivine incinerator. Slokan Forest Products and Ministry of Environment staff will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the proposed changes.

Location Silvery Slokan Hall, Slokan B.C.
Date July 19th, 2000
Time 2 pm to 8 pm

Anyone wishing information about the open house can contact Bob Wright at Slokan Forest Products Ltd. 250-355-2169.

Postmaster retires



After 23 years, it's time to stop sorting. Nakusp Postmaster Herta Ross retired June 30; staff and customers marked the occasion with best wishes and lots of goodies.

Minister approves closing Fauquier Elementary School

Minister of Education Penny Priddy has approved the closure of Fauquier Elementary School effective June 30.

In a letter to chair Dave Morrison, Priddy commended the board and staff of School District #10 "for the work completed over the past several months in developing a plan to improve the efficiency of school operations and reducing operating costs in response to declining enrolment."

Her letter said the ministry's review considered the financial, capital and transportation implications, and the board's consultations with affected parties.

"The analysis...indicated that Fauquier Elementary School can be consolidated with Burton Elementary School resulting in improvements to educational program delivery and operating savings."

In an interview June 27, MLA Corky Evans said he was aware of the trauma and it would be to his political advantage to blame it on the board.

However, he added, the school board is an excellent group of people addressing a very difficult problem. Demographics are changing rapidly and people moving into the area are older and have no children.

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Hasty Creek: No injunction extension for SFP

RED MOUNTAIN—Slocan Forest Products has had its hand slapped over its actions in the Hasty/Vevey watershed. In a ruling handed down June 20, Justice Mark McEwan refused to extend the injunction against protesters, and added "it should properly have been set aside on February 29, 2000."

Red Mountain Residents Association spokesperson Paul Gibbons was happy with the ruling.

"We feel that this judgement destroys SFP's PR image, which the company seems to want to cultivate, that it's the company which is being reasonable and that water users are some kind of extremists. The judge indicated that it was the water users that acted reasonably and that SFP tried to create a confrontation so they could get an injunction.

"I think that company's true colours have started to emerge here...instead of continuing on this path of provoking confrontation, it's time that government and industry wake up to the fact that water users have legitimate and very reasonable concerns."

SFP's Alex Ferguson believes it's a

matter of perception.

"I wasn't there in court but my understanding is that the judge assumed that I had enticed or provoked people to blockade. It's unfortunate he has that perception.

"It doesn't change my thinking or my ideas on how we want to conduct ourselves."

The water users had been invited to a 'pre-work meeting', the judge found, but that meeting didn't take place.

According to Ferguson, it was not a special meeting for the water users, but a routine safety meeting for workers.

"It's just the foreman giving a 'heads-up', with an emphasis on safety," he said. The meeting didn't happen because the crew was prevented from getting to the work site, he said.

"In my mind there was clearly a blockade there, but I'm not about to increase the level of conflict that's already there by pushing my way through a crowd of people. It's not the way I conduct myself. I will continue to take the high road and stay on the high moral

ground."

Gibbons emphasized that the RMRA isn't anti-logging, and noted that the group had already proposed to the Ministry of Forests that they consider a trade. SFP is already in the north end of the watershed, he said, and they proposed it log there "and leave the wet areas alone.

"That's not such a wild request."

However, the proposals have been rejected.

"We think it's time for a moratorium on logging in watersheds in the Slocan Valley," Gibbons said. "It's time for [forests minister] Jim Doyle, Corky Evans, [environment minister] Joan Sawicki and Ujjal to get their heads together and realize what the auditor-general has already clearly stated—that water sources must be protected."

SFP will continue to log the area. Despite the judge's decision not to extend the injunction, Ferguson said, "I heard the judge say very clearly 'don't anybody take comfort in my not extending the injunction'. He has no sympathy for those who break the law."

Arrests continue at Trozzo

TROZZO CREEK—Arrests from the blockade against Slocan Forest Products' road-building crew here grew to three as of July 4. Nelson RCMP say a 32-year-old Slocan Valley resident was arrested and charged under Section 127 of the Criminal Code for refusing to leave the area after he was read an injunction.

The RCMP say two separate groups on the road were read the injunction, and all the protestors stepped aside. The police continued up the road, and it was on their way back that they arrested the man who hadn't left the area.

Police also found an unidentified man occupying a 'tree sit' to block SFP's crew. The Elliot/Anderson/Christian/Trozzo Water Users Committee, or EACT, said the man had stationed himself on a wooden platform near the top of a tree. He was calling for a moratorium on logging in the Slocan Valley "to allow us residents to work out a true community solution."

Police read the injunction to him, but he refused to come down. He was left there, but as of press time police were arranging for expert help to remove him safely, and said he would

be arrested at that time.

A Ymir man was arrested June 21 after chaining himself to an excavator the previous day. RCMP say the man turned himself in to police custody, and he was released on condition he stay at least one km away from the protest site. He is to appear in court July 18, charged with failing to comply with a court order.

"Police did not arrest the man at the site, to avoid injury to those involved and [to] avoid confrontation," said a statement from Cpl. E.A. Yaskiw. "The incident prevented the excavator from normal work for the entire day."

EACT identified the man as "Murray Sadler, a local social worker." Sadler released a statement which said he had chosen to be arrested in an act of non-violent civil disobedience. His

actions were "in support of maintaining the ecological integrity of the Trozzo Creek watershed...the government and courts believe that the economic interests of corporations outweigh the right of people to clean drinking water."

Slocan Forest Products also released a statement, saying it has operated in three other contentious watersheds—Bonanza Creek, New Denver Flats and Hasty Creek—"and despite initial protests, has not received one complaint about water quality. Engineering and hydrological studies were carried out" and used to develop practices "to ensure that water quality is preserved and the impact on the environment is minimized."

The area will be cut using "a system of variable retention harvesting" and will not be clearcut, SFP said.

What the judge said...

After reviewing the evidence, including video tapes, in the case of 'Slocan Forest Products vs. James Rutkowski, Paul Gibbons and persons unknown', Justice Mark McEwan released his reasons for judgement.

"The inescapable impression given by the events of February 11, 2000, and leading up to it is that Slocan attempted to 'manage' a convenient opportunity to get an injunction in place for the 2000 road building season," he said. He found that SFP had invited the Red Mountain residents to attend a 'pre-work meeting' at the site on Hewitt Mine Rd., but no such meeting was held, and that no attempt was made to simply walk past the protesters.

In his affidavit, SFP's Alex Ferguson said when he and a work crew showed up "to commence road construction work pursuant to the permits...we were met with a blockade of approximately 60 protesters."

He twice asked them to move, but was met with silence, he said, then told them "I took their silence to be a refusal to allow Slocan to do its work, and that Slocan would be seeking an injunction..."

McEwan noted that "Mr. Ferguson identified himself to the people gathered on the road and asked them to remove themselves from the area (not 'the road' as he deposes)...the work that was to be done that particular day was hand work requiring a couple of men on foot...as I think the videos show, the assembly was good-natured. [SFP forester Tim Yanni] acknowledged that he did not think the protesters would have attempted to physically restrain Slocan's workers.

"No attempt was made to simply walk past the protesters."

Ferguson's statement said that so long as access was blocked, SFP couldn't carry out its operations and for each day it was unable to harvest timber "approximately 150 cubic metres of Crown timber scheduled to be delivered to the Slocan saw mill will not be delivered." He added that most of the work was being done by contractors who "on average will employ approximately eight workers in Hasty Creek" and who would "be inhibited from doing the work..."

McEwan's judgement noted that the event took place shortly before 8 a.m., and that when SFP returned at 9:09 "the protesters had departed and Slocan could have commenced work...the crew had other work to do and that the interference with their time overall, if such it was, was less than an hour...Slocan was quite happy to leave once Mr. Ferguson had his 'deemed' resistance in the silence he was offered. It was then off to Vancouver, on a short-notice application on materials that did not fully explicate either the origins, or the *de minimus* nature, of the whole affair."

"I do not think what happened in this case was appropriate in light of such considerations," McEwan said.

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VIEWPOINT

Is Canada learning from Africa?

This morning's CBC radio news carried an interview with a man from Africa who went to Calgary for the protests against the oil corporation meetings. This man spoke of how corporations and government overrun people in the villages, damage the environment and then arrest people when they protest.

We think of these corporate/government mergers, for the purpose of raw exploitation of the earth, as totalitarian repressive systems in the so called 'third world'.

I so much wish the world were watching the Slocan Valley. I so much wish all the people living in relative freedom and luxury here in the Kootenays would rise up to stop the same system of corporate/government exploitation that we oppose in other countries.

Here in Canada, the situation of abuse of ecology may be the greatest of any place on earth. I cannot think of another country that exploits such a large land mass for such a small population. Although Canada contains some of the last semi-intact ecosystems capable of supporting large mammals, its land base is treated as a huge source of raw materials whose sale is actually funded by the taxpayers.

That is right. Canadians actually pay an average \$4,000 in taxes each year to support the exploitation of our forest resources, according to the book *Acts of Balance* by the late Grant Copeland.

What is most offensive to me is that the courts and police may actually be used as an instrument of Slocan Forest Products (SFP) and the government of BC to exploit the watersheds against the will of the people in the Slocan Valley. By arresting my neighbours, who are standing up against logging in the watersheds where their sparkling clear drinking water comes from, Canada's repressiveness is exposed and painfully resembles the situation in Africa.

This is not a few outside agitators. In 1997, I attended a meeting held by SFP at Winlaw Hall, intended to gather input from the community. A poll was conducted that night. Only three of the over 100 people attending were in favour of SFP logging in the watersheds—and those were the three making the presentation, who worked for SFP. SFP has a clear disregard for the concerns of Slocan Valley residents. A recent door-to-door survey in the Elliot-Anderson-Christian-Trozzo watersheds confirmed that 89% oppose industrial logging in watersheds sourcing their drinking water.

If Canada had any intention of actually being a democratic and civil country, a fair public process would have taken place that was not 'stacked' in favour of the exploiters. But the fact that the police, court, government and industry continue to act against an overwhelming majority leaves me, a believer in democracy and fairness, cynical and sad.

Jim Merkel, Winlaw

Rec. complex comes at too great a cost

The NDP government is unresponsive to the public or the mounting scientific evidence that shows the negative and costly impact of logging watersheds in this valley.

The provincial government, misled by Corky Evans, should not be dividing the community by suggesting that wood from these contentious watersheds be used to build a recreational complex. The government has no business trading off the safety of neighbouring citizens and risk to their drinking water to pay for this complex. My family's friends in Slocan do not support this divisive and unfair suggestion.

If the citizens wish for such a complex, then they should not be put in a position of endangering their neighbours to get funding. The NDP can stop bailing out fast ferries and Skeena and come up with the money for such a complex for Slocan. The consequences of using this wood from neighbours' watersheds may endanger peoples' lives, as in the case of Perry Ridge, and ridge residents want to know who is liable for the consequences of such a trade-off—the RDCK, the Village of Slocan, the provincial government, the federal government, or SFP?

A complex for recreation is important but the trade-off should not be the health and welfare of citizens who depend on these domestic use watersheds. Could Corky Evans be looking for votes from the town of Slocan since he is losing votes daily as a result of his government's oppressive and non-representational decisions to log the valley consumptive use watersheds?

Marilyn Burgoon
Winlaw

GET BENT

by Laurie Brown



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SFP "bribe" is not appreciated

The recent headline "SFP will log for rec complex" reveals SFP's cozy deal to donate 40,000 cubic metres worth of wood for an arena. Government relief from stumpage fees is sought along with increased flexibility in choosing cutblocks for the project. That the Village of New Denver is already asking the forest minister to grant relief is very upsetting.

Talk about thinly veiled bribery, SFP and Corky Evans are dividing the community by saying "You can have a recreation complex if we can log the watersheds." It is unconscionable that the logging of Slocan Valley watersheds to build an arena is being considered by Evans and the NDP.

Evans stated "We will log here... We're not going to hide anymore." That's true: logging

can't hide anymore because it's right outside the villages and above our homes. SFP has already logged out Slocan's side valleys so all that remains are the fragile watersheds and steep slopes of the main valley after years of overcutting.

Taxpayers are already subsidizing Kootenay logging corporations. The Nelson Forest Region has lost \$1/2 billion in stumpage collected over the past five years including \$67 million last year. SFP received over \$350 million from Forest Renewal BC for their Interior companies.

Billions of tax dollars were wasted on fast ferries, court cases, etc. and that is why we can't properly fund recreation complexes, schools, and hospitals. Evans should stop his attempt to divide the community. An arena should not be at the expense of logging erosion-prone watersheds.

Colleen McCrory,
Green Party Candidate
New Denver

Tragedy or comedy? Our newest columnist searches for answers...

by Paddy Roberts

It was a feast for the senses and the analysts, both theatrical and political. Advertised as an information meeting, the June 26 get-together at Appledale Hall was more in the line of live political tragic-comedy. The comedy featured the two Marilyn's and supporting cast. The tragedy was that fair and progressive people didn't much get to hear how they might learn about community forest possibilities. Sure, but I suppose that was the point of the comedy in the first place, now wasn't it?

The meeting was called by Don Munro to inform residents of Forest Service plans for Perry Ridge, and to hear from people experienced in community forest agreement set-up. People from Balfour-Proctor and the Creston community forests managed to say their piece, before it all went into the toilet. Exactly according to plan. Again.

You see, the game is really this. It makes no difference if the community organizes and achieves its own control over forests if that control contemplates logging. If communities decide to log—knock the communities, criticize the project while you do nothing but whine, scratch your arse, and carry out the all-important 'research'. Get the speech ready, distribute the printed material, make sure the ideologically compliant and the preposterously angry arrive on cue, and let the games begin.

The games began this time with The Relentless Inquisitor, played with commendable anger by someone from Creston. The Inquisitor was demanding answers from some poor bloke who had just come up from Creston to try and give a bit of the old info to us all. This little set piece went on for some 10 minutes, before Don Munro noticed the eyes rolling and glazing in the audience. The Inquisitor was told to put on some manners or get on her bike. Good performance overall, especially by Don Munro in defence of those who were wondering why the hell two people drove all the way from Creston to waste our time arguing here.

A small but important role was played in the set piece by the first of the Marilyn's, Marilyn James. She claims to be the Appointed Representative of the Sinixt Nation. Well, maybe so. Her role was to bellow "ANSWER THE QUES-

TION" at the poor Creston bloke, while standing dramatically at the rear door. Close to me actually; I felt like I was on the old stage myself. I remained quiet, but I did wonder about some things. I wondered if poor Creston bloke was hard of hearing, and if Marilyn knew this and was simply being considerate. Perhaps it is a little known fact about the Sinixt Nation that they traditionally bellowed at public meetings. Who knows?—but I did leave with the feeling that if I were a Sinixt, I'd ask who appointed Marilyn James.

Two short bits followed. Woman at the Back stands up, makes dramatic and teary speech about now being "screwed", I think she said, by the regional district. Too Much Information!, I thought, before Woman at the Back makes a dramatic and perfectly executed pirouette and disappears stage rear. Another man went on with some long and dreary whinge that seemed to argue that every community table should be composed of people he elected. Bad performance, bad script. Get a life, buddy.

A Bearded Fellow stands to introduce a comment with the phrase, "The pre-eminent hydrologist in North America...". Who cares, Bearded Fellow? I'd wager that the moment his analysis didn't feed the paranoia, his pre-eminence level would drop out of sight. Lines well-delivered, however, with a commendable sincerity.

Marilyn Burgoon now appears. Claiming to represent 300 water users on Perry Ridge, she corrects biologist Tom Gaines when he says his lines wrong. Tom says something about people being "...at each other's throats." Wrong line Tom, and wrong opinion. The next question might be 'who is causing people to be at each other's throats?' We don't want to get into that, do we? I'll tell you what your opinion will be in the future, Tom, if you want to air it in public. And she did. I forgot what she said, but it was very funny.

I don't know Tom Gaines, but I have seen him at a couple of meetings. He seems to be The Real Thing as far as being a blend of all the best of the valley. This meeting is illuminated by his intelligence, his clear ability in his field, and his sincere hope that these troubles can be resolved. Tom politely retracts his perfectly valid opinion, and The Representative of 300 Water Users has prevailed with her version of the view that opinions are like backsides: we all have

them, but it's not wise to air them in public. Personally, I think Tom had it bang on first time, although "at each other's ankles" may be closer to the truth.

You know, I have to wonder about this "representing 300 water users" business. I wonder if we're not having a local version of that famous scene in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* where McMurphy tries to get Nurse Ratched to change ward policy so the boys can watch the World Series. When McMurphy finally gets his crowd to vote for the policy, Nurse Ratched says, "Ah, no, boys. You've forgotten about the chronics." She points to persons clearly incapable of much speech, let alone forming an intelligent opinion. A triumph for Nurse Ratched's version of democracy. She speaks for the silent, even though they might not know she exists.

Maybe Marilyn Burgoon actually does represent 300 water users on Perry Ridge who meet the criteria of being human and aware of who Marilyn Burgoon is and what she says on their behalf. I do find it hard to believe that 300 adult human beings would choose as their representative someone whose main claim to fame seems to be that she lives under the steepest part of Perry Ridge and who would put Chicken Little in the ha'penny place when it comes to being, shall we say, nervous. But who knows, maybe they did and just didn't tell anybody.

Just who Marilyn Burgoon "represents," as most of us would understand that term to mean, is of some importance. Don Munro should ask Marilyn to provide detailed evidence of what she says about her own political credentials. "Makin' a list and checking it twice", might well be the best way to go in confirming that 300 Perry Ridgers actually approve of Marilyn's little political act. If you were there with hopes of a bright new future and left depressed at how the script degenerated into the usual clutch of bad actors with bad lines, try a new tack. Think of it all as a comedy, because it really is.

Meanwhile, a community forest is well worth looking into. It may be the answer that a wide spectrum of opinion could live with and support. Forget about the comedy, Don Munro, and keep working with the positive. And please, find out who our wee Marilyn actually does represent. We're dying to hear the story. Well, some of us are. Maybe 300, maybe even more.

Petro-Can access route continues to cause debate at Nakusp Council

At the June 22 regular meeting of Nakusp Village Council the following business was transacted:

- Petro-Canada's request for access from the truck route was again denied by council. Petro-Can's Gary Pistor, armed with letters of support, and about six customers attended the meeting. The customers said competition is vital in any community and there is a safety factor, with logging trucks trying to get around that corner.

The owners of Canyon Court Motel wanted to see access off the highway to get rid of all the heavy traffic and dust from behind the motel. They were initially told there would be minimal traffic when the card lock was built. Pistor said "My personal definition of a truck route is to divert traffic on the outer limits of a community, resulting in less heavy duty traffic flowing into the down town or residential streets."

He wants access for Petro Can to "remain competitive with all other service facilities." He told council he felt the process had been mishandled and wondered why he wasn't sent an application when administration was sent a letter last spring.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Bill Cowan brought the issue of access back for reconsideration under section 323 of the Municipal Act. He explained that the mayor may return a matter to council for reconsideration, it must be accepted unanimously by council and if it was defeated could not be brought forward for another six months. "If one member is opposed, the motion will be defeated."

Len Heppner and Cowan voted in favour of allowing access and Sam Crockett, Herta Ross and Janis Dahlen were opposed. The motion was defeated.

In a later interview with *The Valley Voice*, the village's Chief Administrative Officer Esther Ewings said "A development permit was issued [to Petro Can] in January 2000 and it specifically stated that access would be off Tenth."

The letter referred to by Pistor was written to Jacques Dupas of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways in April, requesting a review and access to the truck route. "That letter and the support letters were put on the April 23 agenda of council. Monty Nelson of Petro Can attended the meeting. There was never any letter written to council to make application for access."

- Rosemarie Parent, representing the cultural community of Nakusp, updated council on its activities and requested a letter of support to raise funds. The study completed with CBT funding showed that upgrading and better use of the Centennial building and the arena

complex would be the most favourable plan. Council agreed to meet with the society when it has all the information together to review and discuss.

- Rosemarie Johnson, chair of Nakusp Homecoming 2000, requested support for a Bavarian garden, the use of sidewalk area in front of the court for arts/crafts, the closure of one block of Broadway Street for the vintage car show and street entertainment, and closure of Broadway to the beach gate for fireworks. "As you can see, it's going to be a full weekend and an economic boon to Nakusp."

- Council granted a request from Slo-Pitch to run a beer garden during the August tournament and to allow overflow parking in the village park.

- Council refused to pay a bill for work done on a four-inch waterline in the new combined soccer/ball field by Gordon Marshall. Superintendent of

Public Works Charles Cale said "Their machine broke the pipe excavating. The water department had to fix it as an emergency call. We didn't charge them for the time and equipment to repair it."

- A request from the Nakusp Mud Racing Association to post mud bog signs on the village entrance signs to promote their event was denied. "It is not appropriate when we have umpteen dozen other organizations working on events," Dahlen said.

- A development permit application for a new garage/shop at 1001 Hwy 23 North was received from Fred Smith. Access would be off Tenth so council tabled the request to the next meeting, requesting administration to provide more information.

- The July 13 and August 10 meetings of council were cancelled.

Meetings will be July 27 and August 24.

Plans underway to raise funds for permanent New Denver arts centre

At the June 27 regular meeting of New Denver Village Council the following business was transacted:

- Randy Cossitt told council a steering committee is being organized to develop a permanent arts centre. Members are working in conjunction with the Glacier View Grand Prix bike race committee and the youth centre society to organize a street dance from 7 p.m. to midnight August 19. He asked council to approve cordoning off Bellevue Street in front of the Bosun Hall, accessing power from the hall and utilizing the washroom facilities either at the hall or at the info centre.

The groups are prepared to assist or to pay for getting the hall ready. Cossitt said they will not serve liquor at the event but if the firemen or a community group wanted to, they could approach the village themselves. Council gave its approval on condition that the neighbours are informed and the dance ends at midnight.

- Councillor Gordon Brookfield re-

ported the cost of paving would be \$42,357, approximately half the village's taxation revenue, and that does not include all the costs. He warned the government will not commit to the annual village funding of \$160,000 after the year 2001 and in 20 years his taxes would be 1.5 times what they are now. "The streets are an irritation," he said. "It's not a safety aspect. We should push for a little support from the provincial government."

"It [the cost of paving] is almost to the dollar the new increase in taxes this year," Mayor Gary Wright noted. "The cost of construction on streets is going up faster than the interest rates." If the paving referendum had passed three years ago the cost would have been lower, about \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year over 20 years. Wright added 100% of the residents have paid for the paving done on 40% of the residential streets. Brookfield said the provincial government provided 75% of the cost of paving First and Third streets. Council will ask residents for their input.

- Councillor Jeff George reported Recreation Commission #6 will meet July 12 to decide whether to take on the maintenance contract for the new regional park at Bigelow Bay. It would have to put together a budget and apply for funding from the RDCK. Area H now has three regional parks, at Winlaw, Bigelow Bay and the Galena Trail.

Councillor Rob Reder reported a Galena Trail maintenance budget was submitted to the RDCK. Boxes will be erected for donations from trail users and the commission might ask local businesses to underwrite the printing costs of new brochures. However, George advised a box of brochures is left from last year.

- The bike rack usually in front of Kootenay Savings Credit Union keeps getting moved in front of the interim youth centre and is now partly on the sidewalk. It will be moved back to the credit union and secured there.

- The village was advised its nomination of the Slokan Valley Watershed Alli-

ance for a 2000 Minister's Environmental Award has been declined.

- Council will send a letter of support, requested by the Action Plan For Ecotourism project manager Leni Neumeier, for completion of the trail on the K&S railroad and wagon road from Kaslo to South Fork. Council will add it looks forward to the trail's completion to Three Forks.

- Council received a letter from John Fraser requesting seating be allowed in the parking and forecourt area in front of Panini Bistro. Council asked the administration to check on liability and design,

which will be referred to committee for recommendation to council.

- Reder reported on a meeting with the youth centre committee. The lease agreement between the village and the youth centre is \$208 a month and \$1,064 was budgeted for general repairs and maintenance. The centre also pays annual premiums of \$700 for liability insurance and Reder was asked if the village would reduce the cost of the lease by that amount.

He moved that, if less than \$1064 was spent on general repairs and hydro costs, council credit the balance towards the rent. The motion was carried.

Update from the regional district

At the June 24 regular board meeting of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the following business was transacted:

- The RDCK will start a public involvement program in Area H, to inform residents of its legal responsibilities regarding land slips and other issues. This is to help identify the direction residents would like to the RDCK to take in future.

- The board appointed commissioners and alternates to the South Slokan Management Commission, for the June 2000-May 31, 2001 term. The commissioners are Ron Butler, Gordon Horwood, Dan Lightfoot, Kathy Loxam, Sophie McDougall, Gary Niminikin and Peter Wood. Alternates are Darcy Flesaker, Mia Gardiner and Richard Koodrin.

- Staff will be asked to review procedures for ensuring water quality in systems that are the district's responsibility, and to make recommendations to ensure effective procedures are in place.

- The RDCK will receive \$374,695 from BC Hydro, for grants-in-lieu of property taxes on dams, reservoirs and powerhouses.

Grants-in-lieu were approved for:
Area H: New Denver/Area H Fire Service: \$4,517.

Winlaw Fire Service: \$5,000

BC Festival of the Arts, \$1,000
Area K: Nakusp Ski Club \$1,500
Grants-in-aid were approved for:

Area H: Slokan City Logger Sports: \$400

Kootenay Women in Trades & Technology: \$500

Slokan Park Community Hall Assoc.: \$350

- Applications for Columbia Basin Trust funding were approved for:

Silverton Memorial Hall in the amount

of \$3,084, for refurbishing and beautification (\$1,028 for each of 1998, 1999 and 2000).

Winlaw Highway Accident Management Society: \$6,000

Valhalla Summer School of Music: \$1,150

- The board appointed members to the Area H Advisory Planning Commission: John Chemenkoff, Craig Lawrence, Ruth Porter, Susan Crichton, Rory Lindsay and Mark Adams.

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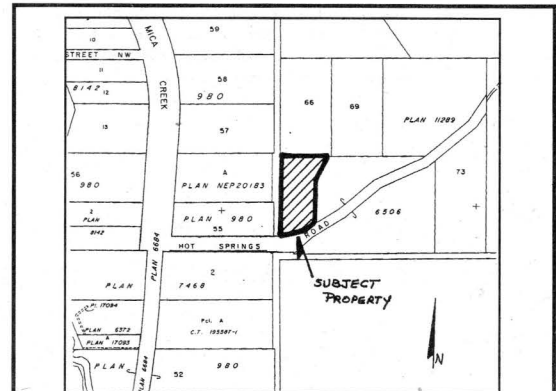
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VILLAGE OF NAKUSP MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Village of Nakusp invites offers for the purchase of the fee simple interest in that parcel of land legally described as:

PID 024-650-013
Lot A
District Lot 397
Kootenay District
Plan NEP 65411.

Interested persons may contact Mr. Ken Marshall, Realtor, Windermere Selkirk Realty, 305 Broadway Street, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0, telephone (250) 265-3635 for information regarding the purchase of Lot A.

Deadline for submitting offers is 4 pm on July 24, 2000. Offers will be opened at the Village Office, 92-6th Ave NW, Nakusp, BC at 4:05 pm on July 24, 2000.

The Village of Nakusp reserves the right not to accept the highest or any offer.

Esther J. Ewings, Chief Administrative Officer.

Mountain Sky shows off its new digs



Nina George and Reynald Losier stand beside racks of their handmade soaps.

WINLAW—Mountain Sky Soaps has moved out of the garage and into 'the old jam factory' in Crescent Valley.

To celebrate, it held its grand opening June 29 at the new location, 2276 Hwy 6 between Slocan Park and Playmor Junction.

Mountain Sky now employs five

people, producing and packaging natural handmade soaps, massage bars and bath products.

Owners Nina George and Reynald Losier started up in 1993 with the help of a Community Futures grant.

"We basically knew very little about running a business when we first started," George said. "We learned as

we were sinking and swimming along the way, and by attending Community Futures workshops."

The new premises, 4,600 square feet, replace the owners' garage and "funky additions that we had been building on the property." The company exports into the US and overseas, and continues to seek new markets.

Winlaw group wants to help develop valley

WINLAW—Want to make a difference in the life of the valley? The Slocan Valley Community Development Society (CDS) is looking for new members who are interested in economic, social, and stewardship activities that further the valley as a sustainable community.

The CDS offers information and assistance and facilitates community planning and dialogue. The board and

current membership have discussed and agreed on four goals, seven principles, and four core values, which are printed in full in their ad on this page.

"We may modify these goals, principles, and values in the future," says treasurer Madeleine Perriere, "but we want to stress that these are basic to the existence of the society and will not be reversed in the future."

"The position that CDS has taken,"

says president Karen Treulieb, "is that we will not knowingly compete with or duplicate the work of existing groups. We prefer to support groups and activities which further cohesive local community growth."

The CDS maintains an office at the Spicer Centre in Winlaw. For more information, contact any member of the board (Treulieb, Perriere, Joel Harris or Raylene Walker) or the CDS co-ordinator, Vince Salvo at 226-0016 or svcds@netidea.com.

ARROW LAKES/UPPER SLOCAN VALLEY HEALTH COUNCIL

requires a **BUILDING/PLANT MANAGER** in New Denver, BC

Responsibilities of this non-contract position include planning, organizing and directing overall activities related to building, plant, equipment and grounds operations at Slocan Community Hospital and Health Care Centre and co-ordinating building/plant activities common to Health Council facilities in New Denver and Nakusp.

Qualifications:

- Advanced diploma from a recognized technological institution, at least five years experience in an institution or related maintenance work with two years at the supervisory level or equivalent combination of education, training and experience;
- multi-task oriented and ability to perform a variety of maintenance activities;
- demonstrated supervisory and leadership abilities;
- proven organizational and administrative ability;
- demonstrated ability in computer software programs;
- demonstrated ability to set up and maintain a filing system;
- demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing;
- demonstrated ability to operate related machinery and equipment;
- physical ability to carry out the work;
- knowledge of BC building codes and local bylaws;
- proficiency in blueprint-reading, specification-writing and plan-drawing;
- valid BC driver's licence and reliable vehicle. Ability to travel to other sites;
- ability to work flexible hours and share on-call (must be able to be on-site within 15 minutes.)

Salary commensurate with qualifications, per the Non-Contract Compensation Reference Plan Guidelines of 1997.

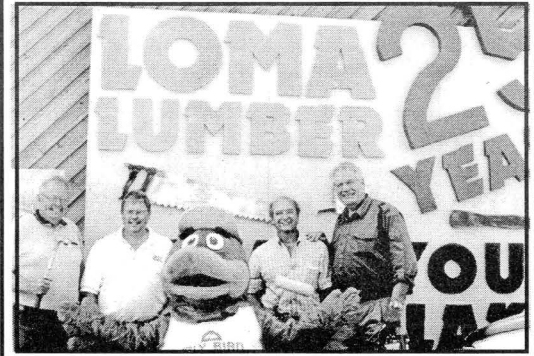
Application closing date: July 14, 2000 at 1600 hours

Further information: contact Judy Cameron, (250) 358-7911

Submit resumé to: **Human Resources Manager
Arrow Lakes/Upper Slocan Valley Health Council
Box 129
New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0
Fax: (250) 358-7117**

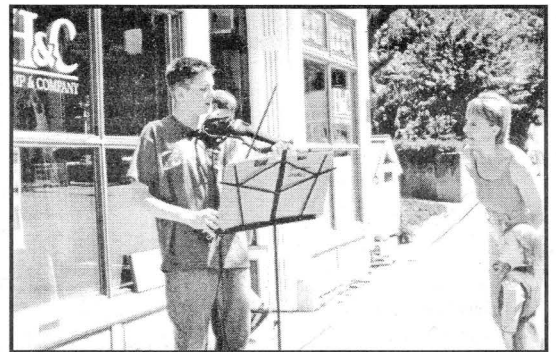
Thank you to all applicants. Only those applicants chosen for interview will be contacted.

Loma Lumber celebrates its silver anniversary



Loma Lumber in Nakusp celebrated its 25th anniversary June 28 with two special guests: well-known handyman/broadcaster Shell Busey and the Irly bird. Loma's owners, the Lillies family—Floyd, Scott and Brent—posed with Busey (at right).

New Denver merchants salute summer with mini street festival



New Denver merchants introduced Sunday shopping with a mini-street fest June 25. Violinist Brendan Shelley entertained passersby, including Elizabeth and Jessica Wallace.

Calling all young entrepreneurs...

If your child is a budding Bill Gates,

there is a day camp just for her or him. YouthInc. is a one-week business entrepreneurship camp that starts July 17 at the Community Futures office in Nelson. It costs \$149 + GST and includes lunch.

Activities range from learning marketing to goal setting to setting up at a trade show to sell their wares to the public.

For more info or to register, call Wendy McCulloch at 1-877-493-5566, tri-star@cnx.net, or visit www.cfcdco.bc.ca/bizcamp. The camp is run by TriStar Innovations and Edge Training Programs in conjunction with the Ministry of Small Business and CFDC.

Mt. Sentinel to get new principal

SOUTH SLOCAN—Mt. Sentinel School will have a new principal in September. Frank Marisco, currently principal of Stewart Secondary in Stewart, will move here in July with his family, the board of School District #8 has announced.

Mt. Sentinel principal Brian DeBasio will return to L. V. Rogers in Nelson. He was vice-principal there for nine years and principal for four years, before his stint at Mt. Sentinel.

"I've really enjoyed myself here," he said. Told that he would be missed, he replied, "No one person makes up a school. It's the staff and the students. Mr. Marisco is a good people person."

Slocan Valley Community Development Society GOALS, PRINCIPLES, AND VALUES

GOALS

- Assist community groups and individuals in the development of activities and proposals for economic social, and stewardship activities that further the Valley as a sustainable community;
- Sponsor economic, social, and stewardship activities and projects that further the Valley as a sustainable community;
- Facilitate community planning and dialogue on economic, social, and community stewardship issues;
- Provide information to Valley residents on economic, social, and community stewardship issues.

PRINCIPLES

- Community and public bodies should support individuals and families to live full and meaningful lives;
- Individuals and families should have public supports and services that are accessible and responsive rather than remote and directive;
- Healthy communities foster mutual support and self reliance while providing access to essential public supports and services where necessary;
- Public supports, services, and resources should be accessible and equitable;
- A healthy community is capable of expressing and advocating for its desires and needs;
- CDS respects existing groups and will not knowingly compete with them;
- CDS will support activities that further cohesive local community.

VALUES

- Respect for diversity of community and differences of values, heritage, gender, and life styles;
- Act in a respectful manner to others;
- Commitment to principles of conflict resolution in situations where conflict occurs over either personalities, values, or public positions;
- Involvement of people in decisions that affect their lives.

Slocan Valley Community Development Society
Box 113, Winlaw, B C V0G 2J0
Phone: 250 226 0016
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Events for booklovers—launches & signings

It's a busy month for book events in the valley.

• To celebrate their fifth anniversary, members of the Slokan Writers Guild have published a book of short stories and poems. *Tales from the Slokan* will be launched at the Hidden Garden Gallery July 15 at 2 p.m. and members will read short excerpts. For your invitation, call 358-2375, or give your name to any guild member or to Rosalie Bird at the gallery.

• On July 17 at the Motherlode, Patricia Verge will read from and sign copies of her book *Angus: From the Heart*. This is the biography of the late Angus Cowan, who became a Bahá'í in 1949 and worked with First Nations people. The signing runs from 3–5 p.m.

• Galena Bay resident Bob Harrington's new book *The Soul Solution* will also be launched at the Motherlode, July 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Latest alfa show is Clear & Concise



Mary-Ellen Marshall with one of her paintings at the alfa gallery.

by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—*Clear and Concise* is the second show sponsored by the alfa guild at the gallery this summer. Feature artist Mary-Ellen Marshall's bold colours and brush stroke acrylic paintings adorn the walls. The soft-spoken artist hails from Montreal, where she attended Concordia University, initially studying photography. After a lot of travelling, she and her husband Michel settled in the Vallican area seven years ago with their two children, aged four and six.

Two years ago, Marshall started to pursue a career in painting. The couple expanded their house and built a studio, giving her a quiet place to work.

"I felt a desire to create images that reveal a drastic change in my physical surroundings from city to country," she says. "I began this process choosing painting rather than photography as a medium of exploration."

This is her first gallery showing. Her work will also be seen in the Nelson Art Walk at the Dancing Bear Inn. Her work has been displayed at various restaurants and she was a participant in the Festival of the Arts and the *Valley Best and Beyond* show at the Silverton Gallery.

Although it took the couple awhile to adapt to small town life, Marshall says after looking around, they realize "they are living the dream so many people have."

Start preparing your entries for fall fairs

Start planning now for the fall fairs.

• The Slokan Legion, Branch #276, is teaming up with Four Seasons Greenhouse in Winlaw to host a fair October 1.

There are many categories to enter: food, crafts, kids, period costumes and a 'country harvest hat' contest. You can book free space to sell home-made crafts or preserves (call 355-2245), or just come out and enjoy local music, good food, games and events.

Buy a pumpkin plant now at Four Seasons to register for the pumpkin growing contest; all proceeds from the sale of the plants go towards prize money.

The fair starts at 11 a.m. and runs to 5 p.m. Category booklets and registration forms are available at the greenhouse and at Mountain Valley Service.

• Nakusp's first fall fair of the millennium is September 9 at the arena

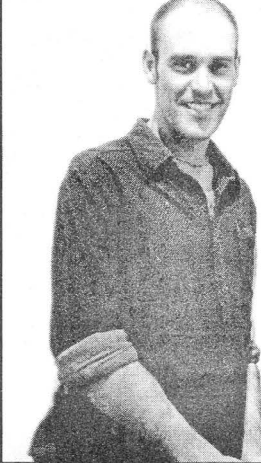
auditorium. It starts at 10:30 and goes until 4:30. Admission is \$1, 50¢ for kids 12 and under.

Enter your best produce or efforts in the following categories, and win a ribbon: floral, fruits, vegetables, canning, hobbies, and baking. There are several kids' divisions, and a special seniors' hobbies division as well. A complete list of the categories is available at Carson's Corner, the Burton General Store, Fauquier Esso and *The Valley Voice* office.

Don't know what to do with all that zucchini? A new event this year—the 'Zucchini 500'—is designed to use up some of it. Kids can soup up a zucchini with wheels and whatever else is necessary to ensure their entry crosses the finish line.

Some booth space will be available for rent to craftspeople. Volunteers who'd like to help with the fair can call Chris Nagy at 265-4011.

Doings at the Gallery...



Jeremy Down exhibits at the Silverton Gallery until July 9.

SILVERTON—What's happening at the Gallery:

• Jeremy Down's exhibition, *New York to New Denver*, continues until July 9. His abstract paintings are not disjointed but have a wonderful flow of colour and emotions expressed with a very refreshing flair. If you missed the opening June 29, make the effort to see the show before it closes.

• Caroline Mackay presents an evening of Celtic harp and vocals July 16 at 7:30 p.m. Mackay plays traditional folk songs, as well as setting mystical poetry and sacred writings, many of them Bahá'í, to harp melodies. Tickets (at the door) are on a sliding scale: \$5-\$10 individual, \$10-\$20 family. Mackay also plays the Bonnington in Nakusp July 18 and the Langham in Kaslo July 14.

• Maza Mezé plays July 18 at 8 p.m. This is a nine-piece ensemble, playing traditional tunes from the Middle



Curator Shannon Brown

East, Greece and Asia Minor along with original compositions. The group has been described as "delightfully unorthodox Greco-Arabic belly-busters." Tickets are \$10, kids \$5.

• Shannon Brown is the Gallery's new curator. She has been an artist for 10 years, doing acrylic abstract and still life paintings. Her background includes organizing parties and fashion shows, and fundraising. She taught art for eight years and worked in the film industry in Toronto for three years, where, she says, "you had to be very organized and very on time."

Brown looks forward to the summer season, which is packed with a line-up of great upcoming shows at the gallery.

"And I thought I would be bored living here. Ha!"

Free fishing on long weekend

Fishing licences don't come cheap, but non-anglers are invited to 'try be-

fore you buy' and get hooked on the sport of fishing over the long weekend.

August 5–7 has been declared as a free family fishing weekend in BC, for most non-tidal rivers, lakes and streams. The number of sport-fishing anglers has declined over the last 15 years, so the

government has decided to help increase participation by letting people try the sport free.

The licence exemption applies to all people who have lived in Canada for the preceding 12 months. All other fishing regulations still apply.

Are you an outstanding senior?

Do you know an outstanding senior? The Brock House Society is looking for nominations from across the province for the Senior Award 2000.

Posters and nomination forms were sent to the village offices. For information or additional forms, call (604) 228-1461 or fax 228-0511.

Mobile needle exchange schedule

The mobile needle exchange van will be in Kaslo July 11 and 25, from 1–2 p.m., in the lane behind the laundromat, and in Nakusp from 5–6 p.m., in the lane beside the Leland Hotel.

People in other communities can call 505-5506 or 1-800-421-2437 to arrange for a safe meeting place. The exchange provides new syringes and needles, alcohol swabs, bleach, clean water bottles and information on safer injection and sexual practices.

BEACH AVENUE PHARMACY



Fungal infections often occur between the toes, in the groin area and below the breasts. Wash these areas regularly, and dry the areas well after washing. This will keep fungal infections at bay.

Certain types of food can interfere with the absorption of certain drugs. For example, some Parkinson's drugs won't work as well if taken with a high-protein meal.

Some drugs are better-absorbed on an empty stomach while others work more efficiently when taken with food. Check with our pharmacists about this.

One class of laxative is called "bulk-forming" laxative, designed to add fibre to the intestinal tract, thus helping contents to move more quickly through. It is very important to drink a lot of water with this type of laxative, otherwise it can worsen a constipation situation. At least 8 to 10 ounces per dose is essential.

Laxatives are one of the biggest movers in our pharmacy (Sorry about that!) Choosing the right laxative can be difficult. Check with our pharmacist staff for good advice.

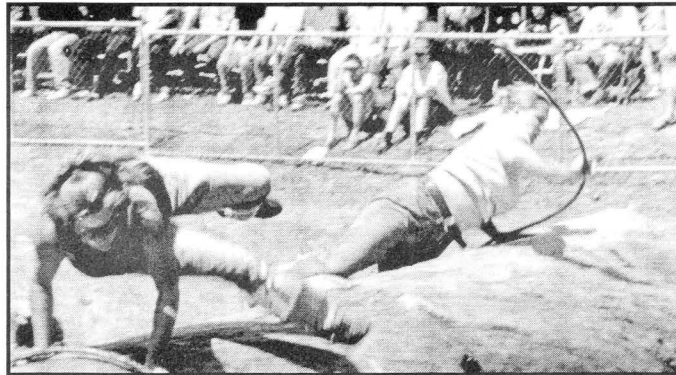
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Slocan City's 20th Annual Logger Sports Show



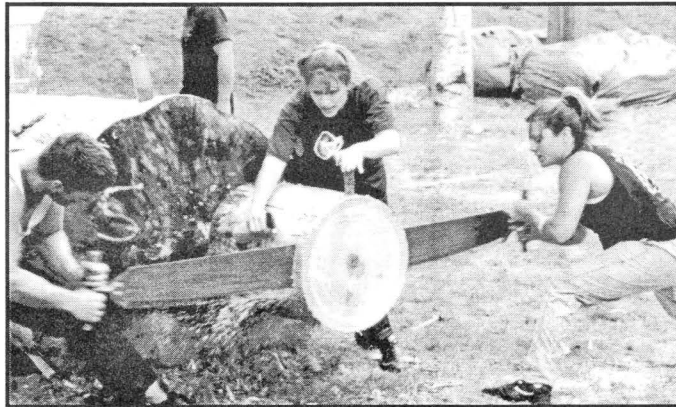
Alex Ferguson made a big splash at the dunk tank



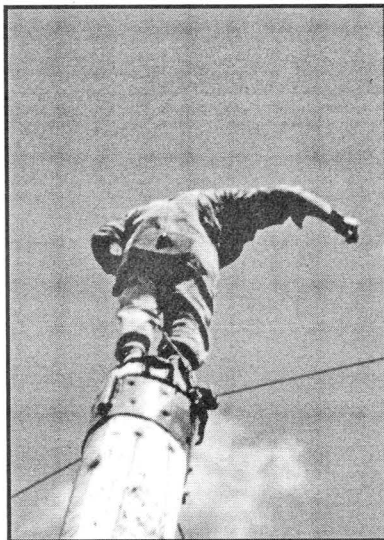
Speed and agility were key in the ladies' choker race...



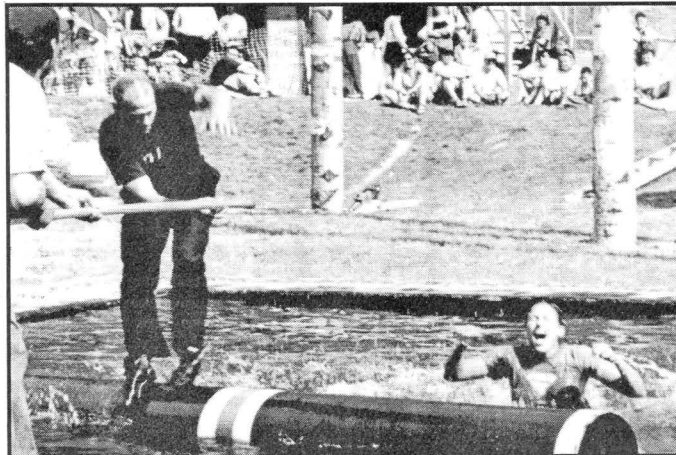
Things got buzzing at the chainsaw competitions.



... while teamwork was the trick for the "Jack and Jill" competition...



Ramblin' Jesse Elliot and his pole-climbing act wowed the crowd...



... and sure footing was essential in the "open birling" event.



... while Elliot's "wife" watched from below with a shotgun.



Meanwhile, even the kids were causing the sawdust to fly.

SLOCAN—More than 600 spectators streamed onto the logger sports' grounds July 1 to watch the 20th annual Slocan Logger Sports Show.

Rob Waibel was named Logger of the Day, Kylee Seitz was the female Logger of the Day, and Roger Brisco was Sportsman of the Day.

The event winners were:
Intermediate Obstacle Pole: Garrett Grothen (15:36), Roger Brisco (15:94), Trevor Schofield (16:16)
Intermediate Double Buck: Chris Hughes & Cy Hanson (19:85), Scott Kevhen & Derek Poachnik (20:45), Bob Marguis & Greg Hart (21:72)
Open Hot Saw: Glenn Erickson (11:48), Brad Laughlin (11:63), Harry Starrett (12:32)

Open Spring Board: Rob Waibel (55:27), Kevin Steward (1:02:92), Gerald Gagne (1:14:21)
Open Underhand Chop: Peter Colliver (19:99), Rob Waibel (22:44), Trevor Scholfield (33:20)

Open Tree Climb: Chris Hughes (16:10), Glenn Erickson (19:65), Rob Waibel (20:37)

Open Hot Saw: Glenn Erickson (11:48), Brad Laughlin (11:63), Harry Starrett (12:32)

Novice Underhand Chop: George Steward (37:37), Darren Dean (1:03:36), Terry Basso (1:06:49)

Women's Axe Throw: Kylee Seitz, Brenda Boyko, Laurie Heustis

Women's Choker Race: Kylee Seitz (22:39), Anita Jezowski (22:63), Brenda Boyko (22:71)

Women's Dot Split: Christina Hart (16:00), Laurie Heustis (21:00), Jenny Haynes (23:10)

Novice Single Buck: Cy Hanson (32:28), Mack Burns (47:69), Allen Nagnum (51:01)

Novice Stock Saw: Jason Todhunter (13:10), Allen Nagnum (13:22), Jean Boyko (13:50)

Open Axe Throw: Peter Colliver, Glenn Erickson, Norman Gagne

Open Single Buck: Garrett Grothen (28:30), Brad Laughlin (28:35), Jason Todhunter (33:23)

Open Choker Race: Ryan Hatfield (15:85), Kevin Steward (16:70), George Steward (16:90)

Log Birling: Eddie Braun Jr, Mike Boyko, Rob Waibel

Open Jack & Jill: Brad & Sandy Laughlin (12:50), Ryan & Betsy Hatfield (12:97), Shannon McBride & Rob Waibel (13:51)

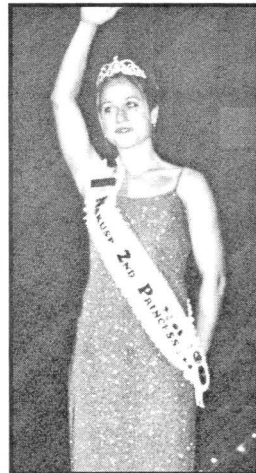
Day 2000



Incoming Queen, Melissa Miller



Outgoing Queen, Tara Roberts



Outgoing Princess, Ginelle Gimble



Incoming Princess, Sarah Harding

IN NAKUSP



Even the small fry got into the act and began "clowning around" to celebrate the big day.



No, it's not a scene from "Little House on the Prairie," it's the Halcyon Home float from the great big Canada Day parade

The winners from Nakusp's July 1st parade:
 Floats: Chamber of Commerce, Seniors, KSCU

Mud Bog: Mac Attack, COD, Mud Queen
 Antique cars: Hufty Hewat's 53 Fargo, Joe Williams' 66 Park Lane, Joanne Seaton's 63 Comet convertible

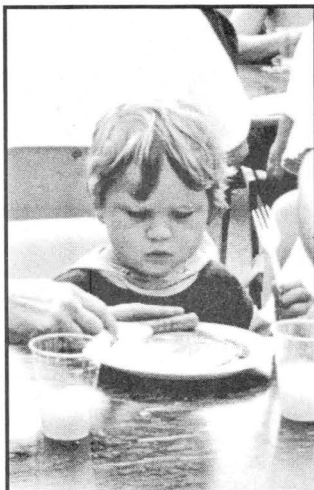
Best-looking horse: Jet, ridden by Chantal Prentice; Tasha, Ashley Posnikoff; Teacher, Jen Hickey

Best horse costume: The Spirit Lives On Millennium Queen, Bill Cowan, Wayne Hascarl
 Walking: Brianna Mckay & Laura Alstad; Marilyn Massey; Tanya Byce

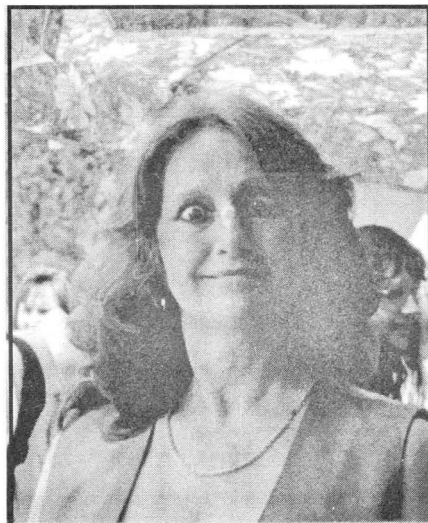
Kids on bikes: Tyler Mortel & Brittany Adams
 Cardel, Dylan Homis, Melissa Adams & Felicia Adams



The "royalty" candidates demonstrated their dance steps for the crowd.



The pancake breakfast brought out all the really BIG appetites...

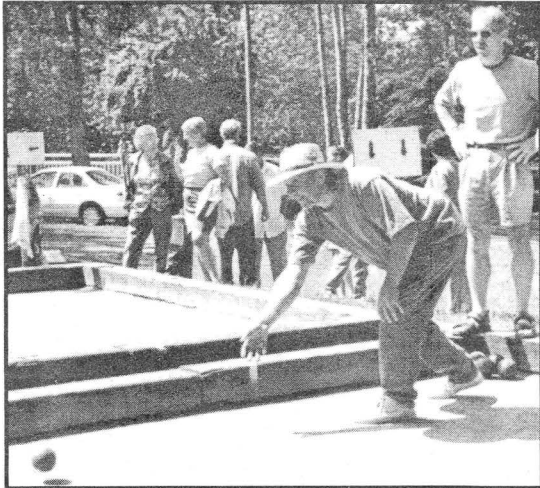


Everyone's phavorite pharmacist, Hetty Gabriel, went cross-eyed with Canadian pride.

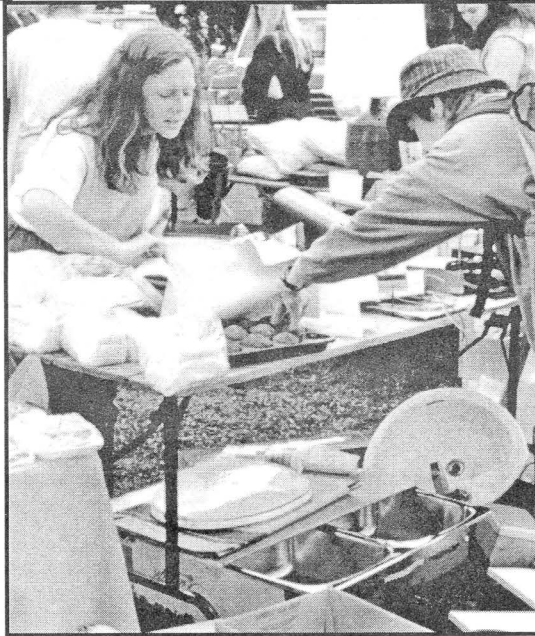


Adam Moore and Milt Parent got things swinging at the gazebo in the park.

Silverton kicks up its heels for Canada's 133rd



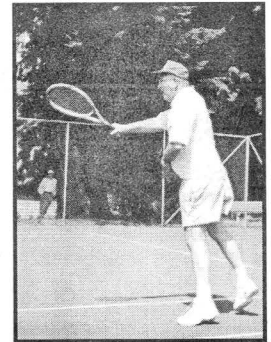
Werner Mengler displayed his best form at the always-popular bocce tournament.



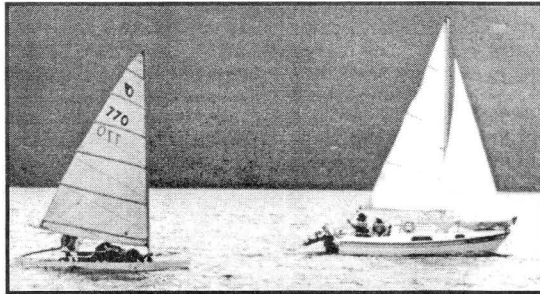
Janet Tappan discovered that the flea market included everything, including (lower centre) the kitchen sink!



Hilary Wejr accepted the Canada Youth Award from Councillor Hillie Wells.



Laralle Smith (playing with Sheila Harrop) tied for the second division tennis tournament.



Surprisingly, no one was lost in the mysterious "Silverton Triangle" during the sailboat race.

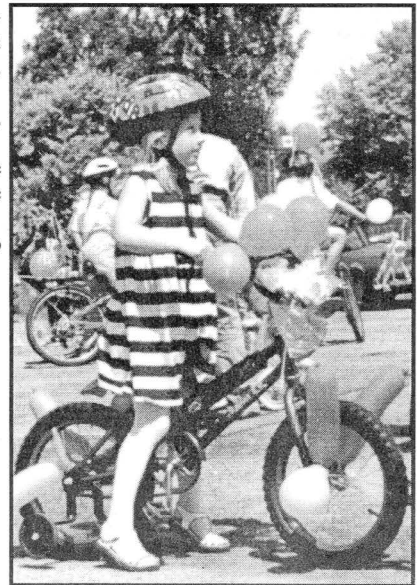
Results of the July 1 competitions in Silverton:
Fishing derby: Judy Maltz (1.5 lb. rainbow), Rory Pownall
Tennis: First division: Hugh Wilson & Marg Tracy. Second division: a three-way tie between Laralle Smith & Sheila Harrop, George & Marion Bergevin, Wes & Michelle Mann.

Sailboat race: First (and undefeated champs) Angela & Jason Hartley & Rob Ochsendorf; second, Hugh Wilson & Trevor Hall.

Duck race: Gary Panchyshyn, \$100; Theresa Gerow, \$50.

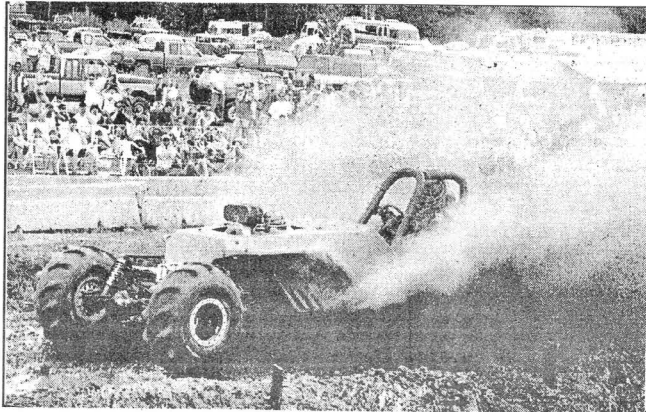
Bocce: The Matthews team: Joe Matthews, Mona Matthews, Wayne Riedl, Dave Lang.

The Canada Youth Award went to Hilary Wejr of New Denver.



Jolene Woolfrey and many other children took part in the kid's bicycle parade through downtown Silverton.

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10 am shotgun start, \$35 entry fee (steak dinner included.)

Pre-registration required by July 11. For more info call 226-7241.

Complimentary round July 15 for pre-registered.

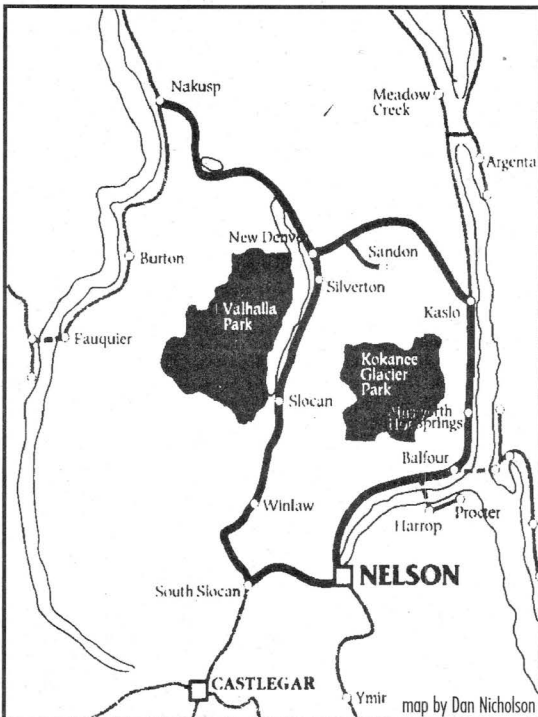
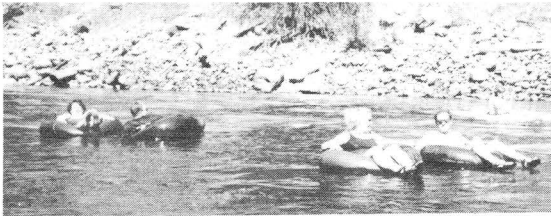
• Slocan District Chamber of Commerce

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Slocan Valley.

Visitor Information Centre is located at 101 Eldorado

Street, at the foot of Main Street beside Slocan Lake.

Open 9 am to 5 pm daily, phone 358-2719.



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May to Oct., 35 shady sites, hot showers, flush toilets, sani-station, fire pits; close to sandy beach, tennis courts, play area, downtown shopping. Pets on leash, reservations. \$14 per night, power is extra.



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NOTES FROM THE RCMP

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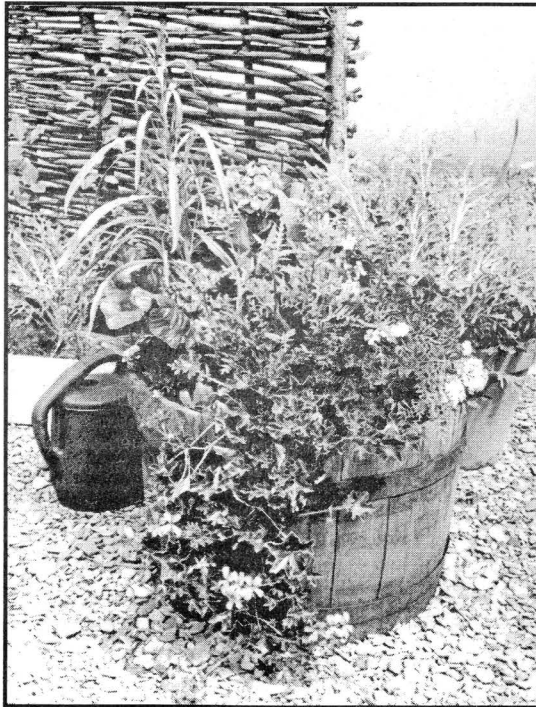
Green-thumb thieves hit New Denver; vandals target Slokan youth centre

New Denver RCMP report that sometime around June 10-11 a Nintendo 64 was stolen from the Slokan Youth Centre. The centre was also the subject of an attack by vandals who threw rocks through two panes of glass near the front door, between June 23-25.

The youth centre operates with, and depends on, donations from the public.

• Some time during the evening of June 24 and the morning of June 25, unknown person(s) stole several planters with plants from six different locations around New Denver. So if you recognize any of the 'super petunias' from in front of the Valhalla Inn, or the planters and plants from in front of Home Hardware, Hidden Garden Gallery or Panini call the New Denver RCMP Detachment.

• On June 26 between 3-4 p.m. an intoxicated and deranged man in the Eldorado Market in Slokan caused a disturbance by yelling, swearing and threatening people. He left and went to the Slokan Forest Products office, and then to the Village of Slokan office. New Denver RCMP caught up to him as he was about to enter the Harold Street Café. He was detained and released later on in the day without charges.



A barrel similar to this one was stolen from the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver.

Attempted abduction fails, police looking for suspect

• Nelson RCMP are investigating the attempted abduction of a woman at Playmor Junction. Around noon on June 26, a man driving a pickup truck

stopped on the side of the highway and attempted to grab a woman as she walked by. She was able to avoid him, and ran from the scene.

Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the man. He is described as 55 to 60 years old, with short white hair and a white mustache, wearing a western checked short-sleeved shirt. He was driving a mid-90s Ford 3/4-ton 4x4, dark red or maroon with a grey canopy, clean and in very good shape.

If you can help identify this man, call the RCMP or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Fax promises riches

The Valley Voice has just been offered a huge chunk of money—\$9,975,000, or 35% of \$28.5 million—US dollars, to boot.

Gotta be a catch, you say? Well, maybe—all we have to do is send someone in Nigeria enough information, signed letterheads and invoices to clean out our bank account.

Yes, the famous Nigerian scam has resurfaced again. You'd think they would have run out of innocents by now, but apparently it's been successful enough that they're still at it.

Bottom line: if it looks too good to be true, it likely is. If you get a fax from Nigeria, let the RCMP know, and file it in the circular file.

Nakusp: Break & enters at ferry and church

Nakusp RCMP are investigating a break and enter that occurred sometime overnight on June 25 at the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Marine Branch trailer, located at the Fauquier ferry rest area. Someone broke in through the front door and made off with uniform ballcaps, shirts, pants and rain jackets, all with MOTH markings.

• There was an attempted break and enter at the Seventh Day Adventist

Church the same night. The suspects tried unsuccessfully to get in through the back door.

• Several bikes have been found and turned in to the RCMP. If yours is missing, contact the detachment to see if it's been turned in.

If you have any information in relation to the above or any other crimes, call your local RCMP or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

SAR news: young girl, missing men found safe

by Karen Hamling

NAKUSP—Search and Rescue has been busy in the past two weeks, answering three calls from the RCMP. The first incident came when they were called to help at the scene of an accident.

The second search involved a five-year-old girl in Fauquier. She had been missing for approximately two or three hours and the whole town had been out looking for her. The RCMP was called, Cst. Russ Howard activated Search and Rescue and Cpl. Nick Romanchuk headed out to Fauquier. Fortunately, before the SAR team could head out, the child was found safe.

The third search was called by

Howard when he received a call from the wives of three men who were out 4x4ing. Last seen in the Kimbal Lake area, they were overdue by five or six hours. Howard activated the search, taking five SAR volunteers with him and setting up a command post at Horseshoe Lake. Four set out on ATVs while he and one other remained at the command centre.

"The men were found on the road above Little Wilson Lake," Howard said. "They weren't lost; however, both vehicles were stuck pretty good and they decided to stay with the vehicles because it was dark."

The men were found at 3 a.m. and brought out.

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Summertime pursuits:

Garden Tour offers a delightful diversion

Warm evenings fill with the scent of mock orange and honeysuckle vine, telling us that summer has truly arrived. If you enjoy a heady fragrance that can fill the yard with its perfume, look no further than the mock orange (*Philadelphus speciosus*). Some newer varieties that have been introduced allow this previously large-growing shrub to fit into smaller yards.

Philadelphus x 'Miniature Snowflake' has a height of .75m (30") and a spread of .5m (18") and is listed as being a prolific bloomer with fragrant double flowers and good disease resistance. *Philadelphus coronarius 'Aureus'*, the golden mock orange provides more interest to the garden when not in bloom with its golden yellow foliage. Growing to a height of one me-

tre (3') and a spread of 1.5m (5'), it has fragrant single flowers in early summer

If you want to learn about more interesting plants, make sure you attend the Slocan Lake Garden Tour. The tour is on Sunday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and covers an area from Enterprise Creek to Hills. There are nine different gardens in this tour and a brochure and map will act as your guide. The brochure will be available with the art-walk brochure at the usual outlets in Silverton and New Denver, and in Nakusp at the Broadway Deli.

Signage at each garden will help guide you to the nine sites; one just south of Enterprise Creek, three in Silverton, two in New Denver, one just

north of New Denver, and two in Hills.

Garden tours are becoming very popular all across the country; the Slocan Lake tour allows us a chance to view nine unique landscapes, all in very different settings. A donation container will be provided; funds go to offset the cost of the brochure and advertising.

If the hot weather continues, cover any newly planted seeds with a few sheets of newspaper or burlap sack. This will allow the seeded area to stay damp and prevent the seeds from drying out. Check regularly and remove the cover as soon as the seedlings emerge.

When the heat is on keep watering your tomatoes. Lack of steady water during drought periods may create a calcium deficiency, causing the fruits to develop large, dry, brown or black sunken areas on the bottom. To keep this from happening, water regularly and deeply throughout the season, and mulch well.

We have started our new project in the Kohan Garden in New Denver—drop by for a look around and see the progress. We hope to finish the ponds soon, as well.

Now that we are into summer, let's remember to take time to smell the roses.

Ray Nikkel is a landscape designer with Valley Landscape Nursery in Hills.



Blue skies, columbines and lemonade to boot!

by Peter Vogelaar

As June 25 dawned, the weather was grand and the flowers were splendid. The Slocan Valley Arts Council estimates that between 170 and 200 garden enthusiasts from near and far followed the signs to six wonderful gardens. The respective gardeners were full of useful information and there was ample lemonade to wet your whistle, too.

Besides enjoying the variety of landscaping, participants also had the

pleasure of meeting some of the valley's many artists. The displays, ranging from ceramics and painting to garden sculpture and tiles, were a fine compliment to the natural beauties around them.

The good news is that it will happen again! This Sunday, July 9, five more gardens from Winlaw to Slocan will be participating in part two of the Slocan Valley Garden Tour. Look for posters and pick up a brochure, or phone Peter at 226-7479 for more info.

Hidden treasures:

Reputation of "secret" garden is growing fast

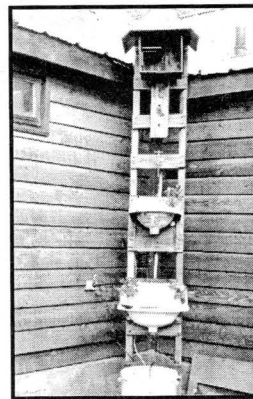
NEW DENVER—It really is hidden. A beautiful little garden, the sound of water trickling from a fountain, a bench to sit and contemplate it all—right on Main St. but invisible.

The Hidden Garden Gallery opened its doors last month after much hard work by the board of directors: Rosalie Bird (who dreamed up the idea and recruited the others), Burgin Jacobs, Stefan Jacob, Jana Schellenberg, Morgen Bardati, and Andy Albright. The gallery is next to the Upland Farm Shop at the corner of Main and Kildare streets, and the garden is accessible through the gallery.

The directors are all volunteer, Bird says, noting "there is nothing in this for anybody except hard work and losing money. We assume in time it will be self-supporting. It's evolving, but the central focus is to celebrate art and also provide a gathering space" for musical events, and groups such as a film club.

July 9 at 2 p.m. there will be music in the garden and a talk by Irene Orbeliani about her mother's paintings, Impressionist-style works done between the 1930s and the 1960s.

The display changes weekly. Any artist or artisan, or a group of them, can rent the space. They're responsible for putting up and taking down the



An avant-garde(n) fountain adds to the ambiance of this small downtown green space.

show, and the gallery takes no commission.

The openings were well-attended, and Bird thanked the Community Club and the New Denver Royalty for hosting the opening day tea and staying for the cleanup.

"Kudos to Rhonda [Bouillet] and LoraLee [Brekke] for the community spirit which allows that time-honoured process to continue," she said.

The stars say...

Horoscope for the week of July 6, 2000

by Michael O'Connor



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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Changes and renovations close to home continue. New arrivals on the scene are creating a stir. You may feel uncertain as to what to do with it all. Adjustments in your habitual approach are probable. Consider that who you think you are is simply aspects of your self with which you have become secure comfortable and familiar. Realize that now it is time to give birth to new aspects of who you are. True, birth can be painful, but remember, repression has the highest price of all!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
The call to express your heartfelt feelings has been sounded. Due to the complexity of translating what you truly feel, take some time to formulate your ideas before committing them to spoken words. You may feel excited by a variety of prospects and you must prioritize. Unfinished business lingers and you do well to complete those initiatives before beginning new ones. Simply by cleaning up close to home you stand to gain a clearer perspective on things.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
The process of building a new foundation of emotional security has begun. Your whole worldview is changing and this may be leaving you feeling insecure. You are eager to create this foundation so start by creating an attitude of victory in this regard. The more optimistic you are the more committed you will be. Be patient with this process and affirm your determination. Start by visualizing your ability to see and feel things in new ways. Exercise a "beginner's mind".

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
A whole new momentum has begun. A charge of determination from within is moving you. You may feel a little uncertain as to which directions you should take first. Take time to go over your strategy for now. Brainstorm and take note of what comes through. Like a good carpenter, measure twice and cut once. Careful planning will prove to save you a lot of time later. See your patience as a valuable asset. Know your outcome overall and in every section as much as you can.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
A rather introspective and dreamy time is upon you. This is your opportunity to break away from inherited beliefs about what constitutes security. Many people think matter-of-factly about how life works and yet there is so much that is relative. Knowing that all the creative juice lies in the relativity of life is the other side of the story. Affirm: 'there is always another way' of doing anything as a means of awakening sleeping aspects of your mind. Imagine the possibilities.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)
You have been awakened to new awarenesses and are determined to act upon them in revolutionary ways. You are on the threshold of a whole new beginning in your life and may feel a little insecure, at least. The call now is to let go and let goodness assist you. Behind the veil of our temporal world there is only love. Our task is to open up and let it in. The only reason we tend not to see the infinite love and goodness that pervades the universe is because we look too close and dissect the magic.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)
Learning and integrating new skills continues. You may feel impatient because of unexpected delays. Imagine that the delays are all a part of the process. At such times we get tested as to what we consider to be a priority. Throughout history we have made the acquisition of things more important than harmony between people. Ironically, the harmony is what we have been after all along. Consider that the skills that really need to be learned now are harmony, patience and trust.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)
Are you aware that the core meaning of the word 'religion' is to link or to unite? Isn't it ironic that religion so often does just the opposite? The search for the ultimate truth combined with conditional love in a universe comprised of unconditional love is at the root of the issue. If you're skeptical, consider that you are because you don't think that your thoughts and feelings count. They do, and whenever you feel pointed anger others feel it too. Alternatively, love always hits the target in the heart and opens it.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
The urge to merge with family, close friends and that someone special continues. How you merge and with whom is another thing. Each relationship requires special attention. In any case, it is the love energy that really counts. The more love we generate, the more we are cleansed of fear and all the behavioural weeds it spawns. Love is the core of everything and it is the best way to get to the root of any problem. Start by giving thanks for any problems and you will get positive results.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
As the balance point continues to move along its winding way, you are challenged to keep up and still remain centered. Relationship harmony is an ongoing theme for us all and it is especially true for you now. The focus continues to be on being more empathetic. Recognizing the genuine needs of others is key and so too is getting in touch with your own unrecognized needs. A process of dialogue and negotiation is in order. Intend to communicate without making any assumptions.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Health and wholeness is the umbrella phrase that tops the success charts. Not monetary wealth, fame or worldly power can replace the joys of being healthy. What exactly does health mean to you? The more that this question is probed, the more you will discover that the answer must cover all aspects of your life. If you are really on it you will discover that spiritual needs must be considered. This implies self-actualization based on meaningful self-development and meaningful contribution.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Giving birth to a whole host of creative new ideas implies giving birth to a new mode of perception. This new mode need not replace current perceptions but it does imply additions and adjustments. Fortunately, your mind is thirsty and you feel confident about embracing new concepts. This is all a part of the process of getting in touch with what makes you special. To contribute to the process open up and be a beginner. Like a child determined to walk there is no question of it.

Michael O'Connor is a Nelson-based astrologer whose column appears in each issue of The Valley Voice. He is available for consultations in person, or by phone, tape-recorded. Call toll-free 1-877-352-2936, or by e-mail at oconnorm@netidex.com.

14 InfoCentres are open



The InfoCentres are up and running, and students are busy guiding tourists (and local people) to attractions and facilities in the area.

Lindsay Herring (above) and Devon Foley are staffing the New Denver InfoCentre. Foley, a grade 10 student at Lucerne, is looking at a future in

the digital filming and digital editing field. Herring is from Nakusp, and spent last summer working at the museum there.

In Nakusp, Kyle Kusch, (below) a student at UNBC in Prince George, will staff the InfoCentre along with NSS student Leah Nixon, who plans a career in resource-based tourism.



Poker float coming in August

It's time to check that inner tube for leaks because, after taking a year's hiatus, the Slokan Valley Poker Float returns August 20.

"The poker float has evolved into one of the largest recreational events in the Slokan Valley," said Don Munro, Area H director.

"I'm really glad that the community will once again have the opportunity to take part in it."

The task of co-ordinating once again will fall into the able hands of Craig Lawrence, the initiator of the

event.

"The community loves it and frankly, I missed having it last year," says Lawrence. "It's just too much fun and silliness on a hot summer's day. Over the years we've seen elephants, a guitar, dragons, a floating bridge game and other strange creations bobbing down the mighty Slokan River. We've also seen some pretty interesting poker hands..."

Lawrence would like to remind anyone who suffers from short-term memory loss that inflatable craft only

are allowed to enter, and prizes are given for most creative craft, best hat and the best poker hand.

Floater's stop at five stations along the route from Perry's Siding to the Winlaw Park to draw cards to form their poker hand.

He also wants people to start saving their old decks of playing cards which (besides water) are a key ingredient to the float.

For more information, or to offer assistance, contact Lawrence at 226-7312 or Walter Osachoff at 226-7363.

TBS out, but what will replace it?

NEW DENVER—The movie channel will soon be history. TV-watchers in this area are about to lose TBS, channel 11, and are being asked to help choose a replacement.

The Area H North TV Society says the change has to be made because they just found out, to their chagrin,

that they've been illegally pirating the TBS signal. They decided they had to change it, but want community input.

Residents are invited to a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. July 19 at Knox Hall, to help pick the new channel: either Global Vancouver, Fox Seattle, PBS Seattle or PBS Spokane.

More information about the channels will be available, and there will be a discussion before the vote. The choice will be made that night, but it will take a little time for the equipment to be geared up for the new channel; the change will likely take place in August.

Campers need a pass for Forest Service campgrounds

If you're planning to use a BC Forest Service campground, don't forget you'll need a camping pass. It costs \$27 per year (\$22 for seniors) and entitles a family (or six people) to occupy a campsite overnight, as often as they like during the year. Single-night passes are \$8. In 'enhanced-service'

campgrounds, pass-holders pay \$5 per night, non-pass-holders pay \$10.

The passes are on sale at Forest Service offices, government agent offices and outdoor stores.

There are 240 BCFS campgrounds in the Nelson Forest Region. For more information on them, visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/rec/brochure/sitelist.htm.

Slokan Lake golf results

NEW DENVER—Results of the Slokan Lake Club Championship Tournament held June 24-25:

Low gross winners: men's, Jesse Mengler; women's, Marilyn Mengler; juniors', Dylan Tappin; senior women's, Nonie Gordon; senior men's, Frank Broughton.

Low net winners: women's, Maggie Maloney; men's, Dave Welch; juniors', Devon Foley; senior men's, Jim Melnyck; senior women's, Dot Mellen.

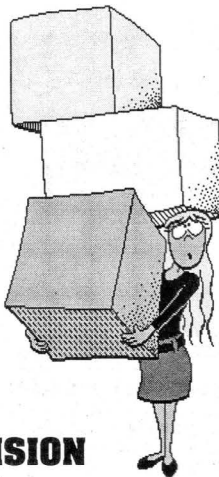
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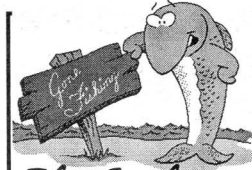
WHAT'S GOING ON:

- COMPLIMENTARY ON-SITE BUS TOURS of the project
- COMPLIMENTARY HOT DOGS and REFRESHMENTS
- Viewing of the MODEL on display depicting the completed project
- A FREE FAMILY SWIM hosted by Klohn Crippen Consultants Ltd. and Columbia Power Corporation will be held from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Castlegar & District Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Balloons, PRIZES and more!

For further information please call our Project Information Guides.

Deanna or Chris, at (250) 365-9368

We look forward to seeing you all there!



The Fishing Report

This year most anglers have had very good catches in most of our area lakes. Fly fishermen have been picking up green Doc Spratley patterns and Muddler minnows. Kokanee trolls have been using Mack's Flashlights and wedding bands, trout fishermen are using Lyman Lures and Len Thompson spoons. Dolly catchers are using Len Thompsons and weighted buck tails. We have had a couple of reports of people going over their limits on dollys at the mouths of Macdonald and Kaskanax Creeks. This is not fair to our sport, and we ask all people using this great natural resource to practice conservation. The real fun is in the catching.

Prime Times:

Date	AM Short	AM Prime	PM Short	PM Prime
July 6	11:08	4:03	11:34	4:29
July 7	12:26	5:01	12:02	5:25
July 8	12:53	5:47	12:53	6:20
July 9	1:15	6:40	1:38	7:02
July 10	1:59	7:23	2:22	7:45
July 11	2:43	8:05	3:06	8:28
July 12	3:28	8:48	3:51	9:11
July 13	4:13	9:31	4:36	9:55
July 14	4:59	10:16	5:23	10:27
July 15	5:46	11:03	6:11	11:27
July 16	6:32	11:46	6:56	11:59
July 17	7:21	12:37	7:45	12:37
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OBITUARY

ROBERT WARREN (BOBBY) STEWART
March 21, 1954 - June 14, 2000



With the love and support of family at his side, Bobby has found peace following a lengthy illness and great struggle after the recent passing of his wife, Angela. He will be sadly missed by his sons Michael of Montreal, David of Osaka, Japan, and their mother Lynne Lewis of Tarrys, his parents George and Clara Stewart of Nelson, Brother Bill (Ilse), children Jennifer and Stephen of Calgary, sister Joanne of Prince George, brother Don (Denise), children Erin, Tracy, Brendan and Jacquelyn of Nelson, mother and father-in-law Olly and Jim Hunter of Salmon Arm, brother-in-law Gary (Audrey) of Sicamous, and little dog, Maggi.

Bobby will be remembered for his wit and humour, his gentleness and compassion, and his exceptional musical talent. He touched the hearts of all who knew him. The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. Moulson and third floor nursing staff, and to nurse Ron Pompu for his special care during Bobby's final hours. If friends so desire, memorial tributes can be made to the local SPCA. There was no service by request. We all miss you, Bobby.

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WINLAW SCHOOL would like to give our parents and community a big round of applause and much thanks for making it possible for us to do the following projects through this past year. Without your continuous support by being involved in all our projects, we could not have done it! Projects included: calendar sales, teacher's tea, bike rides, hot lunches, special lunches, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, accreditation, art/clay/collages/crafts, basketball, school board presentation, school concerts, Kokanee salmon trip, playground upgrade, trips to local nature park, Miracles of the Millennium play, downhill ski program, Christmas crafts and chocolates, winter survival, active PAC, fun faire, mall education week display, band trips, science fair, challenge fair, archaeology dig site, swimming, world's fair, camp-out, fund-raising for Bolivian kids and "sew-ins" to make diapers, and "behind the scenes" working with us as a team to support your child at home, doing the "home reading" program, spelling and helping with projects, and all of the many ways in which you have encouraged and furthered a positive attitude toward learning! 706

TO BILL JOHNSON'S CLASS: Thank you for being such good kids. It was a pleasure having you. Dick & Daisy, Summit Lake Park. 706

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 - demonstrated ability to operate related machinery and equipment;
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Further information: contact Judy Cameron, (250) 358-7911

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Upset Stumpage Rate: \$33.04/ cubic metre.
The upset stumpage rate was determined by the Market Pricing System, and is applicable only to coniferous sawlog grades.
Term: Two (2) years.
Tenders will only be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a Small Business Forest Enterprise, any category.
Comments:
1. 1.8 kilometres of road to be constructed.
2. Harvest blocks are combination of small patch cuts and clearcut with reserves.
3. Logging methods are hand-felling and ground-skidding plus two hectares of excavator pushover.
4. Harvesting is restricted to winter only.
Applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Arrow Forest District, 845 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, BC, V1N 1H3 at 11:00 am (local time) on July 25, 2000.
There is additional material which the applicant must consider in their application. This material, application forms, and other information about the Small Business Program, can be obtained from the above Forest District Office, or the Nakusp Field Office at 109-6th Avenue, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0. Specific Timber Sale Licence A56811.

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