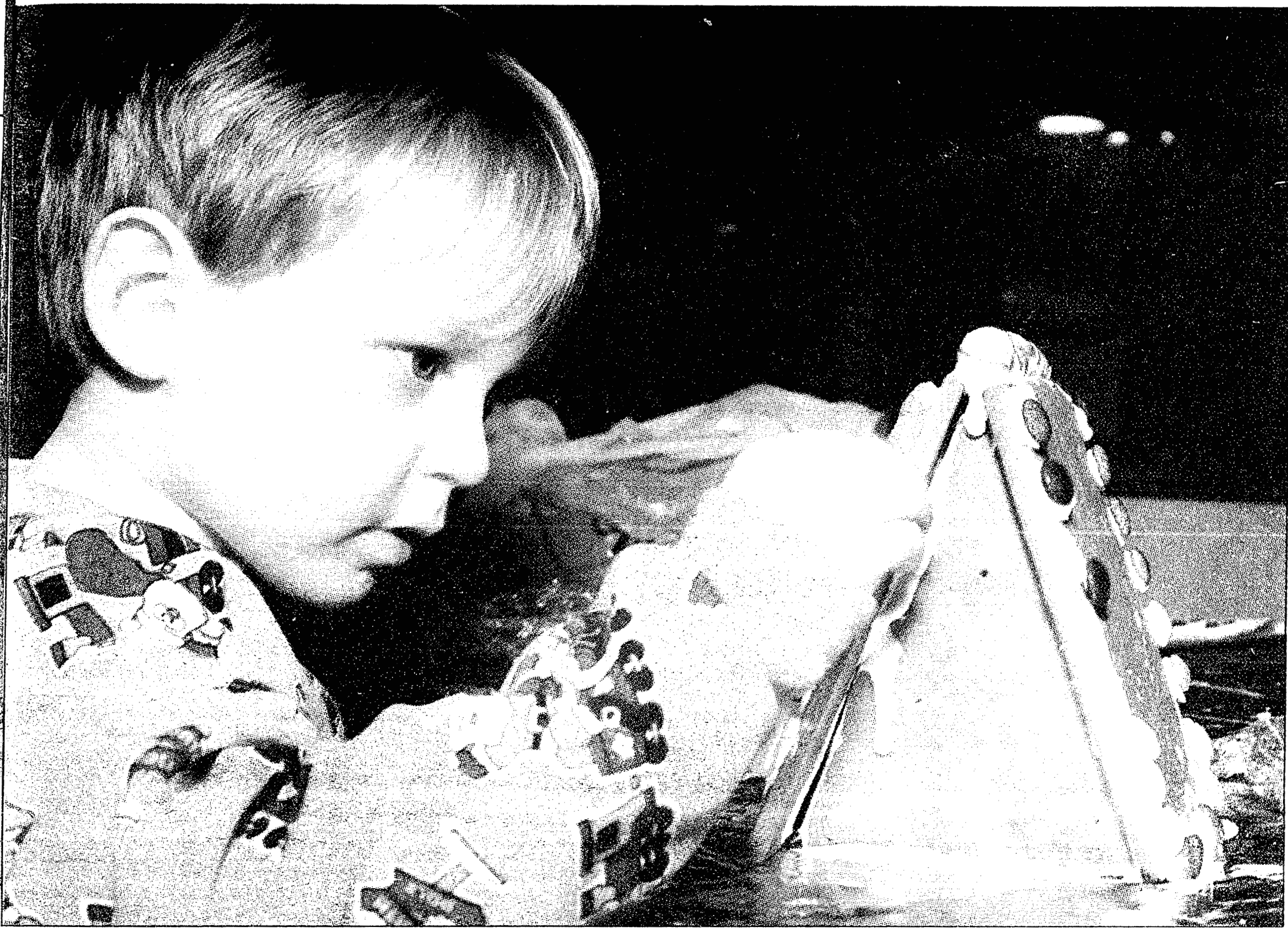


The Chief

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Jeremy Rouseux, 4, kept himself busy Saturday afternoon taste-testing each candy before placing it perfectly on his gingerbread house. The Rouseux family was among many who took part in the gingerbread house decorating workshop at the Brennan Park Leisure Centre.



Raft ride a riot

Rivers are a great way to view returning bald eagles



High scores, rough action

Men's Hockey League is highly entertaining

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I do encourage parents to be very active.

CAROL REA
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Airport referendum shot down

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

Squamish residents will not participate in a referendum about the municipal airport any time soon, according to a vote taken by council members during a Dec. 9 committee of the whole meeting. The discussion took off with talk about airport user leases and fees, but ended with a crash when Mayor Corinne Lonsdale wanted to deal with the broader issue of land use designation.

Lonsdale made a motion to hold a referendum to ask residents if they support having limited development at the airport to accommodate existing lease holders and helicopter logging operations.

"We hear different things from different parts of the community," she said. "Let's find out once and for all if they do or if they don't support (limited development)."

She said a referendum on the issue would cost the district about \$3,500.

"I believe this is a relatively inexpensive way to put the issue to bed."

Most of the other council members did not agree with the mayor and the motion failed.

Coun. Sandra Bauer said many residents have already told council in various ways they do not want expansion at the airport.

"This is a contentious issue and referendums are often used as political cop-outs for contentious issues," said Bauer.

Coun. Paul Lalli, who made a motion during a council meeting in April to bring the issue to referendum, supported Lonsdale's initiative.

"We're not talking expansions, we're talking hangars," said Lalli.

Coun. Meg Fellowes, who voted against the motion, said not enough has been done to find alternative sites to accommodate companies such as Black Tusk Helicopter Inc., which has been searching for a location for a helicopter landing pad and maintenance hangar.

Council adopted a bylaw in April to amend the official community plan which changed the airport from industrial back to limited use as it had been previously.

Black Tusk Helicopter is unable to erect a hangar due to the existing designation.

Lonsdale, Lalli and Coun. Ron Barr voted against the amendment last spring.

Regarding leases, fees, administration and overall improved municipal control of the airport, Fellowes said the district should investigate the possibility of getting someone to act in an airport authority position.

According to a report from district

clerk Joe Barry, the airport operates at a loss of about \$5,000 each year. The report recommends the district start collecting fees for currently unregulated airport use and that regular lease holders pay market value for use of the airport.

The Squamish Flying Club leases most of the airport land except for a site leased by Glacier Air Tours.

The flying club subleases a portion of its area to Pemberton Helicopters, and Mountain Spirit Aviation instructors are now working for the flying club.

The district receives \$1 annually from the flying club because it is a non-profit organization and its volunteers developed and maintained the airport over the years.

Glacier Air Tours has been paying

the district \$1,566.48 since 1991 for its space.

A motion made by Coun. Lyle Fenton was passed that staff develop a report outlining the effects of suggested user rates and to implement negotiating leases with the existing operators at the airport for a maximum lease of 10 years. The suggested annual airport lease rate is about \$1.47 per square metre of land. Another motion was also passed to establish user fees for those not entering into a lease with the district. A third motion was passed to have staff investigate ways to collect fees.

Motions passed in committee of the whole must still be voted on during regular council meetings and these specific recommendations are scheduled for voting on Tuesday.

Bourhis re-elected school board chair

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

Judy Bourhis of Birken will carry on as chairperson of the Howe Sound School District's board of trustees and Squamish resident Amy Shoup will continue as vice-chairperson following an election Dec. 10.

A vote was taken by trustees as required by board bylaw which calls

for an annual election every December to fill the positions. Bourhis and Shoup were elected by trustees in September following former chairperson Constance Rulka's resignation.



Judy Bourhis re-elected

Bits & Pieces

Weather Watch

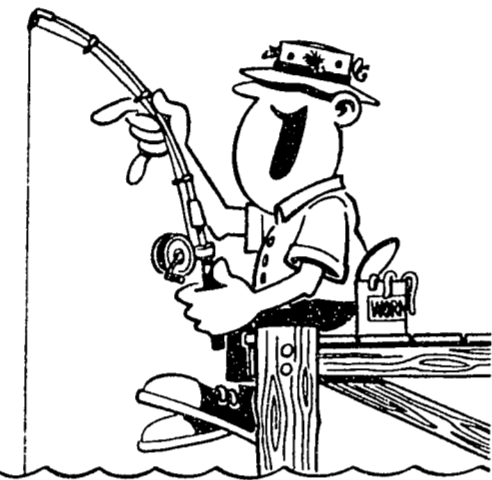
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The Moon

New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter
Dec. 29	Dec. 7	Dec. 13	Dec. 21

Gone Fishin'

Some coho are still in the rivers, in the upper reaches and down deep in the holes. They are not as active after being in the river for a while, and will shy away from lures.



Information courtesy of Steve's Fishin' Out West.

Chiefly Chuckles

From the Internet:

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On the council agenda this week:

Upcoming issues for the Dec. 16 council meeting at 7 p.m. at Municipal Hall:

Council will discuss the district's 1998 provisional budget report, which is expected to be circulated during the meeting.

Council will consider a recommendation to support an application by Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. for a permit to discharge treated ground water from an on-site treatment facility into Cattermole Inlet. The application has been referred to council for comment by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks.

First and second readings for official community plan and zoning bylaw amendments will be considered to accommodate a proposed 209-unit residential development in the Loggers Lane area near the Brennan Park Leisure Centre.

An application for a \$40,000 grant from B.C. Environment for its urban salmon habitat program will be considered for submission.

Denise Cook, secretary of the Squamish Arts Council, is scheduled to appear before council to request endorsement for phase one of a proposed banner program for downtown streets.

A bylaw to provide regulations for the control and prevention of fires in the district is slated for adoption.

Terrill Patterson will be appearing as a delegation to discuss a public hearing for the proposed propane storage facility requesting a change of date so the hearing can be covered by Community Cable 10.

A look back in time

News from years gone by in Squamish

Compiled by Kevin McKinnon from The Squamish Times courtesy of the Squamish Public Library, and The Squamish Chief

Week of December 16

Five years ago this week

From the archives of The Chief
 It was announced that the Mashiter water intake requires \$400,000 in rehabilitation work. Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd., an engineering company, says that without remedial action the water supply from Mashiter Creek will be unreliable.

The second phase of the design for a new Squamish Public Library will proceed. Council approved spending the \$12,000 needed for a November 1993 referendum on the project. Phase one cost the municipality \$27,000.

Ten years ago this week

From the archives of the Squamish Times
 West Vancouver-Garibaldi MLA David Mitchell has resigned from the Liberal caucus, saying the move is a step in the reformation of the parliamentary system.

Watch the length of time you park your car on Cleveland Avenue because you could be ticketed by the new year. A bylaw enforcement officer should be hired by the District of

Squamish for the new year, or sooner.

Fifteen years ago this week

Island Jet Foil's 90-foot craft, the Aries, is part of a proposal to run a service from Seattle to Squamish. The Boeing-built jet foil travels at speeds up to 80 kilometers per hour and would make the crossing in about three hours. The service is expected to cost about \$30 U.S. and would tie in with a bus service to transport skiers to Whistler.

This week at McKay's, the hot deal is a brand new Chevy S-10 pickup for the low price of \$9255.

Twenty years ago this week

Weather this week has been extremely inclement, with a foot of snow falling, followed by freezing rain.

ICBC has announced that the cost of vehicle insurance is to drop for those with a one- or two-year clean driving record. A safe driver discount will now apply for those drivers who avoid fender benders.

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BRIEFS

Centre gets budget extension

Council passed a motion to authorize the Squamish Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce's request for \$115 from the district's tourism budget to keep the visitor information centre open and staffed on weekends and holidays, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day, until May 18. The centre is open on weekends and holidays between May and October, but extended hours for the rest of the year are reviewed on an annual basis to determine whether or not visitor statistics show a need. There was a 15.5 per cent increase in visitors at the centre between January and July, 1996.

Like path creates parking problems

Council directed public works director Mohammad Faris to examine the level of lighting on Government Road and in the Eagle Run drive area following a complaint about reduced parking for residents due to a bicycle trail recently constructed on the east side of Government Road. The area where the trail is located was a popular spot for residential parking.

Vashroom for eagle watchers

Council authorized the purchase and installation of more permanent portable washroom facilities for the eagle viewing area on the lake across from the Easter Camp on Government Road.

Cleaner air at fire hall

A request from Squamish Fire Rescue chief Pat Sampson to purchase a vehicle exhaust extraction system for about \$20,000 has been approved. The system, required under regulations set by the Workers' Compensation Board, will be used to remove exhaust particulate and gases.

Students head to Europe and California

Some Brackendale Secondary School students have an exciting 1998 planned. Ten students and one BSS teacher will visit Paris, France and London, England to see galleries, museums and historical landmarks March 12-21. Thirty-seven music students, three chaperones and one BSS teacher are eagerly planning a music tour to San Francisco, coastal California and Los Angeles May 15-23, 1998. Students have been fund-raising for the trips during the past two years and trustees gave their approval Dec. 10.



KAREN MILSTEIN/THE CHIEF
Matt Delikatny of the Squamish Valley Equestrian Association thought he was seeing a mirror image Saturday. Matt was at Highlands Mall helping sell raffle tickets for a hot tub. The SPCA was also hosting a bake sale and selling its calendars, where Matt found a picture that looked a lot like himself...without the pig.

Donna Billy re-elected to council

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

Politics and the democratic process appear to be at the top of the Squamish Nation's priority list. About 70 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballots Dec. 5 and Dec. 7 to elect 16 council members to represent them during the next four years. Out of a total of 1,797 possible voters, 1,262 exercised their right to have a say

in who they want to see in council seats.

"It's been one of our better elections," said Linda Williams, a Squamish scrutineer. "There was a good turnout for voters."

Six new council members were elected; Krisandra Jacobs, Veronica Baker, Faye Halls, Marion Joseph, Harold Calla and Orene Brown. Back on council for another term are Chief Joe Mathias, Chief

Bill Williams, Anthony Moody, Byron Joseph, Tewanee Joseph, Alroy Baker, Gilbert Jacob, Ann Whonnock, Dennis Joseph and Donna Billy, the only Squamish resident elected to council. Other members are from the Squamish Nation's Capilano, Mission and Seymour reserves and surrounding areas. Sixty-four candidates ran for 16 council positions.

Election results, finalized Dec. 10, also reported 33 spoiled ballots.

The new council held its first regular session last Tuesday and Chief Bill Williams was re-elected as chairperson and Byron Joseph was re-elected as co-chairperson.

Squamish Nation council meets every Wednesday at the Seymour Band office in North Vancouver.



Donna Billy represents Squamish members

Fellowes appointed to provincial government's new spotted owl research and inventory advisory committee

CONTRIBUTED TO
The Chief

As part of the provincial government's spotted owl management plan, the Spotted Owl Research and Inventory Advisory Committee (SORIAC), which includes Coun. Meg Fellowes of Squamish, has been established to develop a comprehensive research and inventory strategy for the birds in B.C. The strategy will balance spotted owl conservation with forestry activities.

SORIAC will define research priorities for spotted owl management in the

Chilliwack and Squamish forest districts and recommend appropriate research and inventory activities. Once projects within the strategy are complete, the information gathered will be used by forest managers in maintaining and enhancing spotted owl habitat while conducting forest activities.

Part of the SORIAC strategy is to provide jobs to displaced forest workers with spotted owl research and inventory projects. The committee is comprised of representatives from agencies, local government, industry, labor, environmental groups and the academic community. SORIAC mem-

bers include:

Gene MacInnes, Co-chair, Ministry of Forests; Ian Blackburn, Co-Chair, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks; Carla Lenihan, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks; Bill Rosenberg, International Forest Products Limited; Denis Knopp, Chilliwack Field Naturalists; Mark Haddock, West Coast Environmental Law Association; Martin Buchanan, Canadian Forest Products Limited; Jim DeHart, Forest Renewal B.C.; Dr. Alton Harestad, Simon Fraser University; Chris Pharo, Canadian Wildlife Service; Bernie Cross, District of Chilliwack; Meg Fellowes,

District of Squamish; Nick Doubinin, IWA Canada; Barry King, IWA Canada; Lyle Leo, Creekside Resources Inc., Mount Currie; Dr. Fred Bunnell, University of British Columbia; Chuck Rowan, Vancouver Forest Region; Derek Bonin, Greater Vancouver Water District.

The spotted owl management plan is closely linked to government sustainability initiatives including the forest practices code and the protected areas strategy.

In the Lower Mainland, government has set aside 23 new protected areas with approximately 50,000 hectares of spotted owl habitat.

Reports of O'Neill's death were greatly exaggerated

BY AL PRICE
The Chief

The next time someone tells Veronica O'Neill her son is dead, she has a perfect excuse for asking for a second opinion.

It hasn't been true the last two times she has received that information.

O'Neill flew to Vancouver from Edmonton after receiving a phone call from her ex-

husband in the Lower Mainland that their son, Dan, had died in a car crash Dec. 2 just south of Lions Bay. The 21-year-old was a passenger in a car driven by Terrace resident Derek Deugo, and had to be extricated by Lions Bay Fire Department and Lions Bay Search and Rescue using the jaws of life.

An initial press release from the Squamish RCMP reported O'Neill dead, and a correction

sent out a few hours later reported him on life support at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver.

After she arrived, O'Neill was told a different story. His doctors are now saying the young man is doing well, his heart is good and his brain is good.

O'Neill said the initial news was "quite a jolt," considering that in September, she, Dan and a friend had been

involved in a two-car crash in Revelstoke.

He was knocked unconscious by the deployment of the air bag, and when she came to, an officer told her the grim news, her son was dead. In fact, all three were okay.

Const. Dan Seward of the Squamish RCMP detachment said once accident victims are placed in an ambulance and sent to hospital, police have to

rely on the information they receive from other sources, which was the case in this incident.

"The information relayed to the detachment with respect to this fatality was what we got," said Seward. "There was obviously a breakdown in communication due to the circumstances. We're working to ensure this doesn't happen again. It was certainly unfortunate."

News

On the street

By Karen Milstein

Question: Who is your favorite athlete, and why?



Lillian Avis, 7: "Matthew Selby, he plays hockey and because he is my cousin."



Sheldon Hughes, 5: "My dad because he's my favorite daddy and he's a logger."



Travis Booth, 14: "I don't have a favorite. I don't watch TV because I'm outside or on my computer."



Chelsea Blackett, 6: "Shea Wynne, because he is a really good swimmer and he's my brother."



Kyle Blackett, 9: "Patrick Roy. He's the best goaltender in the NHL and he's from Canada."

Parents, teachers fight to continue gifted education

By BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

The Howe Sound School District's challenge program is facing its greatest challenge; survival. Parents whose children benefit from the program, designed to nurture gifted elementary school students, are fighting hard to keep it afloat in the midst of education cutbacks.

Jean Wilkinson, a Squamish Elementary School teacher who has a 10-year-old son in the program, appealed to trustees Wednesday, asking them to look for additional funding to keep the program running at least until the end of the school year.

"We ask that you search all areas of the budget and do all in your power to identify any possible ways," said Wilkinson.

The challenge program was officially canceled in June following an announcement by trustees there would not be funding available for the 1997/98 school year due to provincial government cuts. There are about 80 children in the program.

In 1996, the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training provided about \$30,000 for gifted child education in the district. The amount of money targeted by the ministry has been reduced substantially during recent years so the school board had been subsidizing the total amount. For the 1996/97 school year, the board allocated about \$100,000 to tag onto the ministry's contribution.

The board received \$31,353 for the

challenge program for 1997/98 and provided no subsidy. Parents actively campaigned to get the school board to accept a revised plan for the challenge program which would use the money from the ministry. The campaign was successful and the program was reinstated in October with a number of changes. But funding will only continue the program until the end of January.

"The scaled-down program is operating successfully and is meeting real and significant educational needs," said Wilkinson. She asked the board to try to find about \$40,000 in its final 1997/98 budget to extend the program until June.

Wilkinson said most of the costs pay for the salary and benefits of Carol Rea, full-time teacher of gifted and enrichment education programming. Rea, who is paid a high teaching salary due to her experience, is also a Grade 6 teacher at Garibaldi Highlands Elementary but has a substitute teacher filling in for her while she runs the program. She expects to resume her position as a regular teacher if the program does not continue.

"(Rea) is an employee on a continuing contract and would be paid according to her qualifications and experience regardless of the nature of her assignment," said Wilkinson.

She said the salary and benefits deducted from the program's costs should reflect the lower salary paid to the substitute teacher. The difference could then be put towards lengthening the program's

life.

Board chair Judy Bourhis said trustees would consider the request when finalizing the year's budget but she made no promises.

Rea went from having a part-time position to having a full-time job running the program. Teachers who were assigned to work with students at each school were no longer required to do so. Funding for the program also pays for travel costs, supplies, custodial fees and administration.

Instead of having teachers at each school, Rea now visits some schools, and children from around the district go to her to participate in the program. The gifted students work with her for one full day every two weeks. As part of the program, children learn thinking skills, creative problem solving and how to identify their particular learning styles.

Although the new system is not perfect, Rae said there are many benefits with the revised program.

"It's better to have a mix of students from different grades," she said. "They're all planning their individual projects. For most of the children, it's working."

If the program does not extend until June, students will continue to work on their projects with their regular classroom teachers. Rea said she hopes the program will continue to operate in some form with provincial funding in 1998/99.

"I do encourage the parents to be very active."

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News



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Mary and the baby Jesus made a special guest appearance at a live manger scene organized by Rev Claire Bowers of Squamish United Church at her home at Dryden Creek on Sunday afternoon. Guests sang Christmas carols at the event, despite the howers.

Schools closer to increased autonomy

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

The Howe Sound School District is moving ahead with its decentralization process and an outlining how it will be done is expected to be made public in January.

During an update on the process Dec. 10, Superintendent Mike Fitzpatrick said ongoing meetings are being held with principals throughout the district to discuss what decentralization will mean for individual schools.

"Right now we're discussing what should be done and what shouldn't be decentralized," said Fitzpatrick. "We're looking at everything we're doing."

He said it might be better for schools to have the same types of computers and network systems so repairs, troubleshooting and supplies can be handled more consistently throughout the district.

Fitzpatrick said staffing will also be looked at at the beginning of January.

About 88 per cent of the school board's bud-

get is spent on salaries.

"One of the biggest changes will be with personnel issues."

The purpose of this process is to give more control to schools and principals regarding their own finances and to increase their own authority. The school board will act more like an auditor rather than a director over schools, giving more autonomy to each facility.

Trustees voted Nov. 12 in support of a motion to pursue implementing a decentralization model with input from union groups and parent advisory councils. The new model is expected to be in place starting next September.

Fitzpatrick said he is getting mixed reviews about decentralization from principals.

"Some are really excited and some aren't. Some are apprehensive about if it's going to work."

Decentralizing, also called school-based budgeting, is becoming a more common way of operating for school districts across the province.

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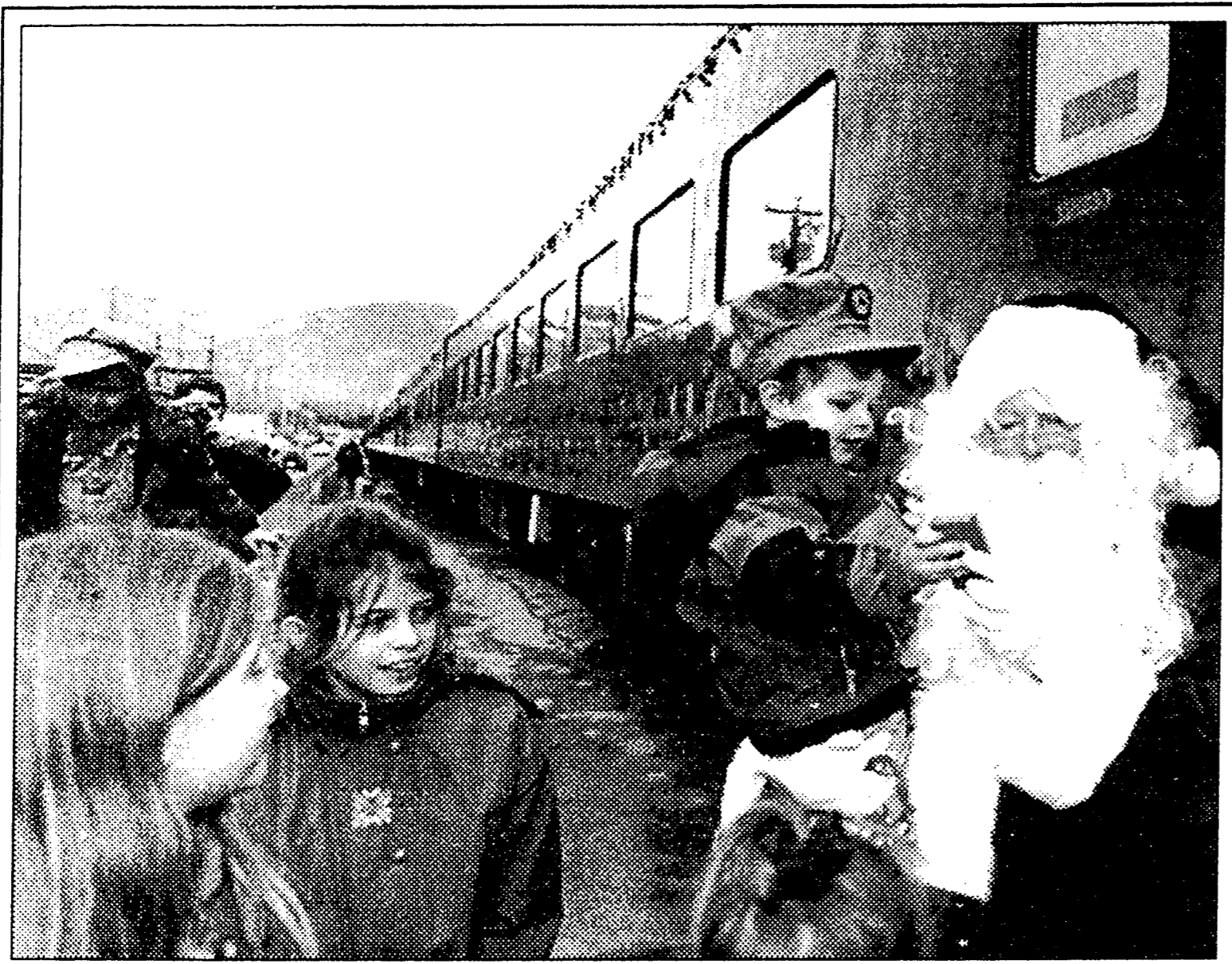
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News



KAREN MILSTEIN/THE CHIEF

Torbin Trendell-Jensen, 2, of North Vancouver, showed Santa his favorite toy as other children waited their turn to say hello when B.C. Rail's Jingle Bell Express pulled in to Squamish Saturday afternoon.

Fenton joins Howe Sound Round Table

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

Squamish may soon be better represented at the Howe Sound Round Table with the addition of Coun. Lyle Fenton as a new member of the organization's community appointments committee.

Fenton was appointed to the committee after Derek Weatherbee, a round table member, approached Squamish council Dec. 2 with a request to have a council member join the committee which appoints new members to the group.

This is the first time Squamish has had a representative on the appointments committee, but it does have Squamish residents sitting on the round table.

The committee is made up of 11 representatives from the Squamish-Lilloet Regional District, Whistler, Gibsons, West Vancouver, Lions Bay and other surrounding areas. Committee members meet once or twice annually to review representation on the round table and to appoint new volunteer members. The 11 appointed members who sit on the round table are also from the Howe Sound, North Shore and Sunshine Coast areas. Members normally participate for a period of between two and four years.

"While people bring very different backgrounds and experience to the HSRT, they sit as individuals and not as representatives of any company or government agency," said Weatherbee. The HSRT was incorporated as a

non-profit society in 1992. Its mandate is to promote and support policies and initiatives for economic, environmental and social sustainability of Howe Sound. The society also encourages broad-based public participation, assists with issues regarding watersheds, promotes public education about sustainability and facilitates programs and projects.

"The consensus on decisions, policies and initiatives brings us closer to what one would expect to be a broader consensus in the community."

Weatherbee said the group is working on a Howe Sound sustainability accord which would encourage responsible stewardship of lands, water and communities in the Howe Sound area. Weatherbee said input is being gathered from a wide variety of groups and businesses to include in the agreement.

Recent accomplishments made by the round table include the shared stewardship for sustainability project which involved a series of workshops around the watershed to focus on planning and management of aquatic habitat, and the Howe Sound 20/20 conference held in Squamish which reviewed growth in the region and challenges for sustainability.

After the council meeting, Fenton said he is looking forward to sitting on the appointments committee and finds the broad regional base of the round table appealing.

"There are things happening with the watershed and people are starting to look at the whole area," said Fenton. "I'm hoping we'll see some collective action."

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News

in Fellowes pushes for building permit time limits

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief



Meg Fellowes
inactive permits could cause a problem

Squamish councillor is hoping to put some pressure on developers and builders who do not act on their building permits in one year. Meg Fellowes made a motion on Dec. 2 recommending the district put a requirement in place to make building permits void if no action is taken after one year of their issuance. Following some discussion, Fellowes replaced her motion with another requesting the permits be referred back to staff for investigation and recommendations which would be discussed at a future council meeting. Fellowes said she brought the issue forward to do some "housekeeping" in the area of building permits. "We do have quite a number of outstanding building permits," she said.

Fellowes said having builders inactively sit on their permits could cause problems if there are building code amendments or if there are changes in the community's support for a specific project. The district currently has no time restrictions in place for building permits while many other municipalities do.

Coun. Paul Lalli, opposed to Fellowes' motion, said he does not see why time restrictions are necessary.

"Let's try to make it as easy and appropriate as possible for people to come in and see that the District of Squamish is looking for their business," said Lalli.

Coun. Sandra Bauer agreed with Fellowes and said she does not think a one-year limit is an unreasonable amount of time for developers to act.

"If a developer can't get it off the ground in that time, they're going to come to start again," said Bauer.

Coun. Lyle Fenton said he did support a recommendation for a six-month time limit.

"It ensures that developers are genuine about putting forth their developments," said Fenton.

Coun. Ron Barr said he did not want to support Fellowes' motion for several reasons including the fact that council was scheduled to consider authorizing a 12-month extension for a temporary building permit that night. Council later voted in favour of extending a permit for a temporary building on Industrial Way.

Shaham Afsar, Squamish's chief building inspector, said there is only one outstanding building permit in the district that has not seen any activity since the permit was issued a year ago. This permit is for the proposed Eagle's Rest Motor on Hwy. 99 in the industrial park.

Afsar said there are 480 permits dating back several years that have not seen building activity but final building inspections have not yet been done. These include both residential and commercial projects. He said in many cases there are only a few deficiencies which need to be fixed before passing inspection and builders either never inform the district that work has been done up to code or they choose to ignore meeting the final requirements.

"The incentive to have the final inspection is for their own benefit. It's in their best interest to do it."

"There is no extra fee for builders to have final inspections conducted by the district."

Afsar said he would like to see the municipality have more control over building permits and their time limits.

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News

POLICE BLOTTER

Squamish RCMP mount major CounterAttack program

For the next few weeks, Squamish RCMP will be marshaling their efforts into a major CounterAttack program, both at night and in the daylight hours.

"We are changing a lot of our shifts for this, said Const. Dan Seward. "We will be looking for people who have been drinking during the day, at office and Christmas parties. The best thing always is not to drink and drive. We'll be out there."

On Dec. 9, a resident stopped in at the Squamish detachment to turn in a jewelry box which had been found behind the Brackendale General Store. Jewelry has been the target of several residential break-ins in recent weeks. Seward said the owner of the box has been identified and it will be returned.

Between \$45-\$50 in loose change was taken some time overnight Dec. 4 in a break-in at a residence on Government Road. Seward said the identification crew was called in from Vancouver, and some latent fingerprints were discovered. The prints were later matched to a Squamish young offender, and charges of break, enter and theft have been forwarded to Crown counsel.

A resident of Buckley Avenue came home Dec. 5 to find his patio doors open. A GE microwave oven, Citizen color TV and a CB

radio were missing. The incident is still under investigation.

On Dec. 6, a person came to the detachment to report being assaulted, which was evidenced by the injuries he sustained in the altercation, said Seward.

"The suspect is known and is being sought by police," he said. "Charges of assault are forthcoming."

The owner of a business on Progress Way in the industrial park arrived Dec. 5 to find the front window had been jimmied and the office and contents gone through. Approximately \$100 in cash was missing.

B.C. Rail police advised the Squamish RCMP of a 1986 Mercury abandoned on the tracks Dec. 5 at Furry Creek. An investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen in North Vancouver, and it was returned to its rightful owner.

Another abandoned vehicle was found on the edge of the bank at the Hwy. 99 exit to Lions Bay. It had been stolen in Surrey, so that detachment was advised.

Approximately \$30 in change was taken during a break-in at a business on Pemberton Avenue Dec. 8. The business owner phoned

RCMP again Thursday morning to report the business had been entered again overnight, but it had not been determined if anything more had been taken.

A Sony camcorder and \$20 in change were taken during a break-in of a residence on Ross Road Dec. 9.

"As you can see, the break and enter trend is climbing," said Seward. "The owner said he might have scared off the perpetrators when he arrived home."

On Dec. 9, police received a complaint from a woman that her nine-year-old son had been assaulted by a 16-year-old boy on the school bus on Buckley Avenue. Police took a statement from the victim and the incident is under investigation.

On Dec. 10, a subject who was on probation was arrested at his family home after being reported intoxicated contrary to his probation order. He was arrested, taken back to the detachment, and appeared in provincial court Thursday charged with breach of probation.

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News

Council shows support for proposed LNG plant

BY BRIGITTE PETERSEN
The Chief

Squamish council has taken a not so firm position on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage plant which Westcoast Gas Services Inc. proposes to build on Howe Sound near McNab Creek.

Coun. Lyle Fenton made a motion to write to the British Columbia Utilities Commission and the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks stating council is not opposed to the LNG facility in principle. The motion, which was passed unanimously, also requests answers for a number of questions and comments which the issue has raised.

"The main thrust of this motion is to try to secure natural gas service to the Garibaldi Highlands and Brackendale," said Fenton. The issue of service to (these neighborhoods) must be addressed when considering any further projects."

Fenton said Squamish residents were led to believe that natural gas would be available to all neighborhoods shortly after the pipeline was installed. Squamish Gas Company Ltd. applied to the B.C. Utilities Commission Nov. 17 for approval to extend service to the Garibaldi Highlands and Brackendale.

Questions which Fenton hopes to find answers for include a proposal to build a southern pipeline in the future and whether or not its construction would eliminate the need

for the LNG plant, how the facility or competing projects accommodate gas exports and how this might affect domestic consumers. Other questions include how a southern crossing pipeline compares to the LNG plant in terms of environmental effects and potential forest fire risks. Fenton also wants to know what the potential is for future export of natural gas by water.

"I think they are legitimate questions and concerns that need answers," said Coun. Sandra Bauer.

Westcoast Gas, a subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc., is proposing a \$120-million storage facility which would be located on Centra Gas' existing Vancouver Island pipeline about seven kilometres from the shore of Howe Sound and 10 kilometres northeast of Port Mellon.

Lions Bay council, opposed to the project, fears it will become an industrial eyesore on Howe Sound.

The project is currently undergoing reviews by the provincial government's environmental assessment office. Public comment on the application, which can be viewed at the Squamish Public Library, is invited and must be received in Victoria by Jan. 11. The project also requires approvals from the B.C. Utilities Commission and the Sunshine Coast Regional District. Westcoast Gas plans to begin construction of the plant as early as 1998 and begin operations by 2000.

Board to meet with council

Trustees and school board staff plan to meet with Squamish council and district staff to discuss a variety of issues during a dinner meeting Dec. 17. One of the topics of discussion will likely be the issue of user fees for school facilities which the school board recently implemented. Many youth and community group leaders say the fees are putting their members through financial hardship.

This is the first meeting in many years between the school board and municipal council and staff.

The director of operations for the Howe Sound School District said he is working on health and safety reports for Squamish Elementary, Mamquam Elementary, Stawamus Elementary schools in Squamish and Signal Hill Elementary in Pemberton to find out what improvement are needed at each of the aging schools.

Rick Hume said the reports will help trustees prioritize future capital improvements for the district.

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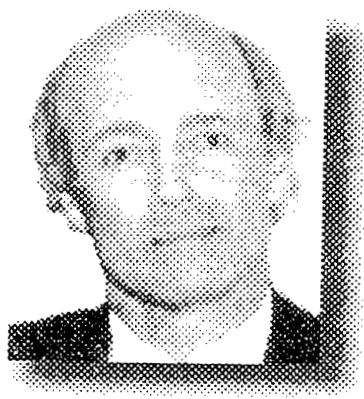
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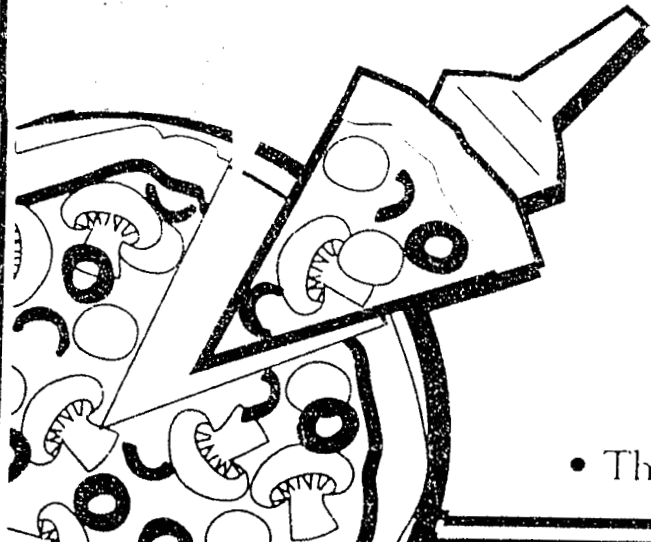
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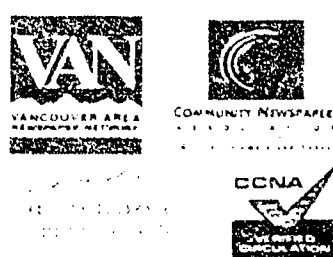
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EDITORIAL

You care

We knew you could do it, Squamish. For the past two weeks we have been lobbying on behalf of Community Christmas Care, pointing out that with so many people out of work, there are more people than ever facing a bleak Christmas.

You have come through as we expected you would, if not more so.

When the mail strike slowed cash donations to a trickle, the folks at Mountain FM wracked their brains to find a way to help. They set up their tent in a corner of the Squamish Station Shopping Centre on Thursday morning, and invited people to drop by with their donations.

This was something they had never tried before, though they have been faithful supporters of the Community Christmas Care effort over the years. Announcers B.J. Doyle and Laurie Kallio, and a host of support staff braved the chilly temperatures to greet people dropping by with cash and cheques, reporting back to the station on a regular basis. They said when the idea was developed, they would have considered it a roaring success to raise \$2,000. By the noon deadline, the Mountain FM effort had raised an amazing \$6,782. Well done indeed.

Of course, none of our efforts would pan out without the generosity of the people of Squamish. And it's not too late to help out.

Donations made after the Christmas hampers are assembled and distributed go towards next year's effort. It's always great for the volunteer CCC committee to have a nest egg to work with at the start of next year's drive. Please drop off your donations at our office on Second Avenue, the downtown location of Squamish Credit Union of Highlands Video, and help fill up the donation boxes for non-perishable food items and toys at all the major grocery stores. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

Our sincere thanks, Kay

Over the years, The Chief has changed a great deal. Newspapers are always evolving, trying to respond to the changing needs of readers and advertisers. We also go through staff changes as people seek greener pastures.

For as long as most people can remember, Kay Wirachowsky has been informing our readers about the activities on the seniors community in Squamish, including the Tantalus Seniors Centre, walking club, darts group, golfers, curlers, Hilltop House and more.

Kay's last column appeared at the end of November. About Town columnist Maureen Gilmour will be doing her best to keep everyone informed of seniors activities in her column, along with her stork stories, birthdays and community activities.

But we can't let Kay escape without a sincere and public expression of our thanks for the many years of dedicated service, both to The Chief and to all the seniors groups. We're sure she will continue her valuable contributions to all the groups she has participated in for so many years, helping make Squamish the special community it is. Thanks, Kay.

Drinking drivers (and dorks) beware

With the Christmas season upon us, along with knowing Santa Claus will be sneaking down our chimneys in a very few days, we can also count on the fact that if we make the dangerous mistake of drinking and driving, the gendarmes will catch us.

In general, police catch fewer drinking drivers around Christmas and the new year than they did years ago. Most of us have learned the CounterAttack message, and either take a taxi, designated driver or call a friend.

Most of us do that, but not all. Christmas is a time when stress levels are high. People spend more money than they have, can't find what they want to buy, and even subconsciously carry a higher level of residual frustration.

This might manifest itself in anger at the slower driver in front of you on the highway, which causes you to flash your lights, tailgate, provide the Trudeau salute or worse.

But please keep in mind, whether you are drinking and driving or just being a dork, there are many more police officers on the road than usual. A lot of drivers have cell phones, so if you're driving erratically or break the law in any way, you will be reported. You might be 15 kilometres down the road and think you have clear sailing, then the lights go on. Not the ones of enlightenment, but the red and blue ones.

As the ads and signs say, please use your road sense.

Santa's 'magic'

As people get older, they become more cynical. They believe in less and less, and some don't even believe in Santa Claus any more. But many people in Squamish have renewed faith in the jolly old fat man after a true Christmas story unfolded last week.

Santa was over at Winter Wonderland at the Squamish Station Shopping Centre on Sunday afternoon, the day after a parade was held in his honor downtown. He was waiting for girls and boys to come and visit, to tell him their hopes and dreams for Christmas.

It was a slow day, and Santa was all by himself. He saw three young people, not what you would call kids, walk by the window, two guys and a girl. The girl stopped, looked in the window, backed up and looked in another window, and saw that Santa was all alone.

Santa waved his white glove for the young girl to come on in, and somewhat hesitant, she did.

Santa asked her what she would like for Christmas.

"Nothing much," said the girl, "just to be back with my family in Saskatchewan."

"Well," said Santa, "be a good girl and you never know what might happen."

Throughout the rest of the day and well into that night, Santa couldn't stop thinking about the young lady, who he thought was well into her teens. He felt she was really troubled, and most genuine in her desire to head home to Saskatchewan to her family.

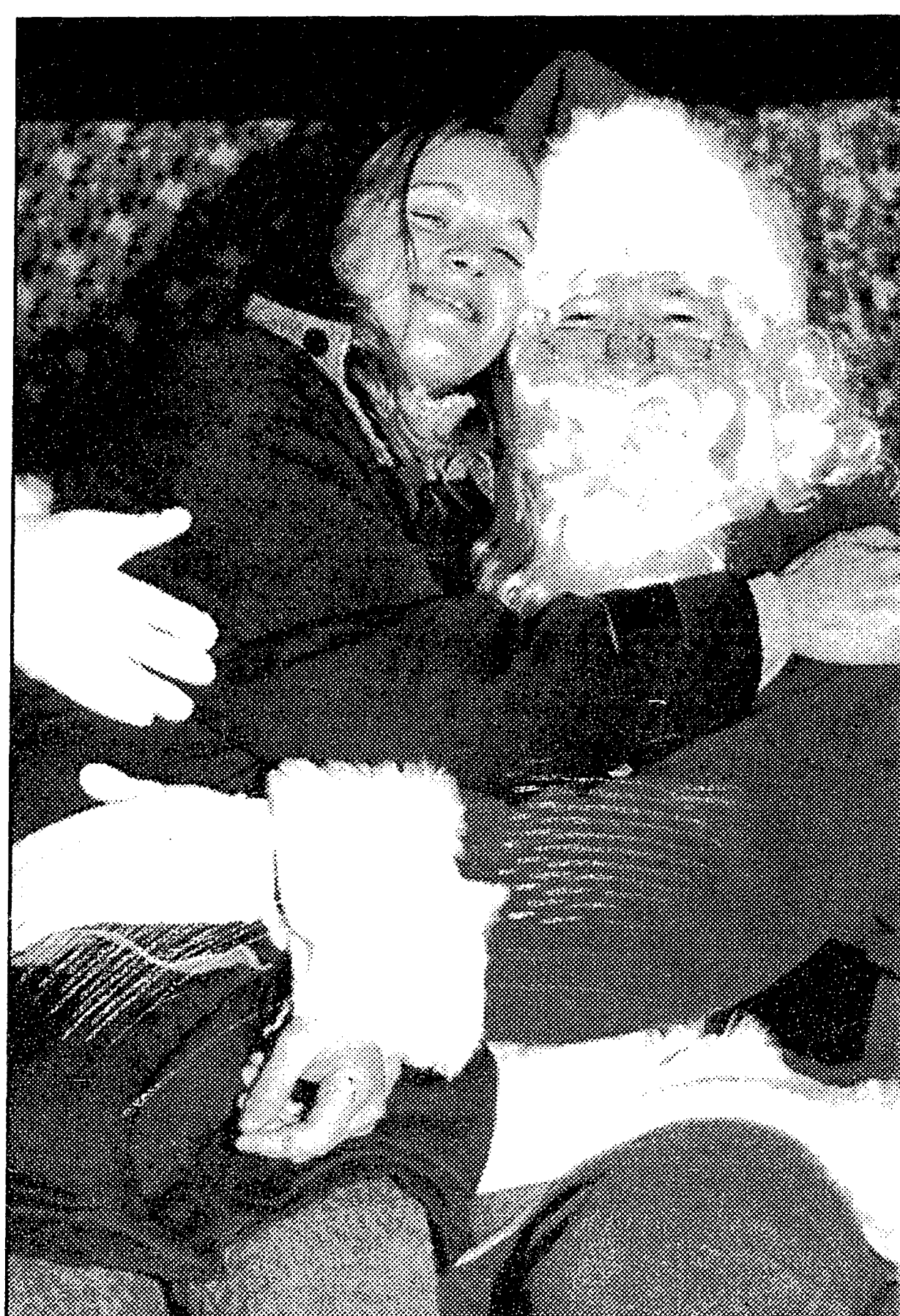
He started to wonder if he could help.

The next day, disguised as a human (Santa does that sometimes), he went back to Squamish Station to see if he could find the girl again. He thought she might be a regular shopper there. No luck. He started asking around in the stores, and sure enough, from his description one of the clerks thought she knew who the mystery visitor might be. She put Santa in touch.

Santa talked to the young lady again, and found out why she wanted so badly to go home to Saskatchewan.

It wasn't just the usual Christmas longing for family and friends. Santa sprang into action.

He researched the cost of airline tickets, but couldn't come up with the cash, neither could her newfound Squamish friends



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Tina Sinclair gives Santa one last hug before heading for the airport and her family in Saskatoon.

or family back home. Finally on Friday, Santa came to me, wondering if I had any ideas.

With so many people in need at Christmas, I have been concentrating my efforts on Community Christmas Care. But there had to be a way. I wracked my brain, and suggested maybe a service club could help, or a group of business people. Then I had it. I put Santa in touch with The Elf Who Knows Everyone, and sure enough, she also knew Santa.

A couple of phone calls later and Santa was back in our office, with a twinkle and perhaps just a hint of some moisture, in his eye. The airline tickets had been secured.

Early Saturday afternoon, 19-year-old Tina Sinclair went back to Winter Wonderland for a final visit with Santa, amid all the dogs and cats having their pictures taken.

The hug was enough to make you cry. And as a final gesture, Santa gave the young lady a shopping bag full of presents gathered by Squamish Station merchants for Tina to take home.

She told me that a couple of days before her visit to St. Nick, she and her friends had

Al Price



AS I SEE IT

been sitting around trying to think of how to get her home for Christmas. They were pulling affirmation cards, and hers had come up with one word...magic.

"This wasn't just coincidence," she said. "It really was magic how he was able to track me down."

Santa isn't really magic. He's just Santa. That's what he does. But he certainly has some special elves here in Squamish, who in turn give all the credit back to the man in the red suit. They all say Christmas is for giving, and live by what they say.

At 4 p.m. Saturday, Tina Sinclair was on a plane home to her family where she belongs, with a tear in her eye and some memories of Squamish she will never forget. She promised to write to Santa, and I suspect she will.

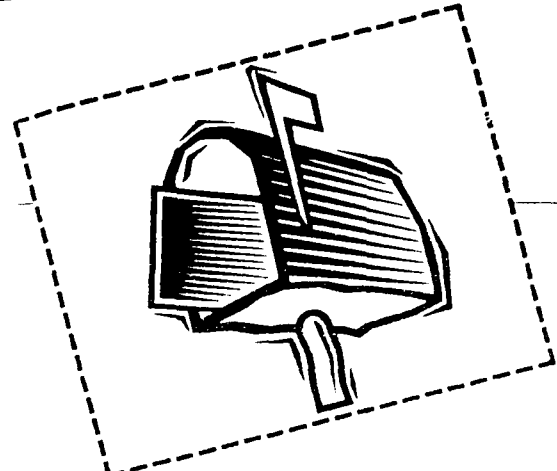
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Letters

Where is the communication?



Industry vet should support forest workers

Editor,
I am responding to the letter from Mr. Don McAllister re: Intelligent discussion more powerful, in the Dec, 2 edition.

Mr. McAllister, you have obviously never had your job or livelihood threatened by a bunch of outsiders such as WCWC. Yes, we are scared, scared of losing our jobs, and yes, we fear this group because their only objective is to shut down the forest industry in our town.

A park has been created (Clendenning Park), 29,000 hectares, causing us in TFL 38 a loss in allowable annual cut, and causing us to lose four to five weeks of work a year. Enough is enough. We are not going to give up any more land to parks and we are going to fight to keep what we have left.

Are you not sitting back collecting a good pension from the forest industry? I would think a man who made his living off of wood products would give his fellow workers a little more support.

Frank Roche
Squamish

Editor,
The Squamish bylaw department lacks community spirit and common sense.

I am a resident of Dentville and feel the need to tell someone or everyone about the problems we as a Block Watch neighborhood are having with the Squamish bylaw department.

Where are our taxpaying dollars going but to a bylaw officer who is most happy causing unnecessary stress to us residents by placing blue slips on almost every vehicle and doorstep. Why are we getting blue slips? Apparently the whole street's hedges are now overgrowing the sidewalk and vehi-

cles are being parked on the boulevard.

When a whole neighborhood has a problem, doesn't it seem apparent that the answer is more than handing out blue slips?

The Dentville area is comprised of mature homes at which the landscaping was done many years ago and now the need for a new sidewalk is apparent. On that note, Buckley Avenue has no curb, which is now standard practice, and could incorporate a new sidewalk in the making. Many homes in this area have no designated driveways. Also, with the increased traffic to the industrial park, the need for green space to reduce noise is that much more crit-

ical.

Where is the community communication and the feeling of working with us instead of against us? Are we the forgotten area in the midst of new development? And why are we getting blue slips when we maintain the rights-of-way?

As far as my taxpaying dollars go, why pay for something that causes me stress?

We want what is best for our area and are willing to help. I hope I am heard, because my comments are not alone and my voice speaks for the many.

John Eydokimoff
Squamish

Sometimes janitors just get the bubble gum blues

Editor,
Have you ever wondered who scrapes the bubble gum off of the bottom of chairs? A janitor's job may not sound very interesting to most people. I am one of those janitors and I suffer from the bubble gum blues. The symptoms are simple, the lack of appetite or craving for any type of chewing gum. I have the juicy job of cleaning up after the sticky stuff and I have made some first hand observations. I would like to share my opinions with you as to the type of people who have this nasty habit and the various techniques they use to dispose of the glucose globs.

Some people spontaneously deposit their gum wads without being aware of what they are doing. Others look around first then sneak it under the table. Some people go to great lengths to find the perfect spot. This type of person usually nestles his gum in the cozy corner of two table legs which is

very popular. Not only is this person fussy about a favorite location but he is also polite and considerate of other people often he will place his gum in a tiny piece of napkin or gum wrapper and then cement it to the table.

The inventive person likes to entertain himself in deep thought before disposing of his gum. He likes to sculpt his gum in neat little balls or create snake-like shapes. Some people search reluctantly for a wad of gum that is already settled in, then add theirs to the top of it. The people who inventively add bingo chips to their smeared gum really make my job difficult. The ideal scraper to remove gum has yet to be found. You may need several tools depending on the age, elasticity, sticking power and location of the gum. The most common spot for chewing gum deposits are under tables and chairs. You will seldom see gum in an ashtray. Smokers hate it, as it gucks up their

perfectly clean cigarette. Smokers will dirty their fingers removing the gum from the ashtray, butts and all and then adhere it to the table. The glutonosity of the situation is overwhelming.

Gum is not only limited to tables and chairs in public places. Some suspicious minded people plant the stuff in inconspicuous corners. Chewing gum occasionally lurks behind drapes and dark stairwells. The depositor will then sit back and see how long it will take you to find it.

People find useful purposes for gum besides masticating it. Smart people will secure loose screws in chairs and level table legs with a blob. The forgetful person depends on gum to put up posters in an emergency.

It is an interesting but lonely job being a janitor. Whether you are chewing the rag about massive wads of gum or talking to a toilet bowl. You may not think of me when you pluck

that gum out of your mouth but I think of you often. Remember, I am there in thought, probably crouched behind a counter, bent over a ledge or muffled behind a door rattling tunes on my tin pail. You may not see me but I am easily detected by the aroma of Pinesol or the occasional overdose of Javex. But this time the bubble gum blues have wrapped me in obsessive thoughts.

I gnaw away at the decision of what to do with the leftover bubble gum. I couldn't just toss it in the garbage can. That would be too easy. Instead I place it in a jar, attach a bow, add a label which states Used Bubble Gum For Sale, and place it in my boss's office, which is the cleaning supply cupboard. In return, on payday, my boss presents me with my cheque, a variety pack of gum and a note which reads "Stick It!"

Debra Wolf Houde
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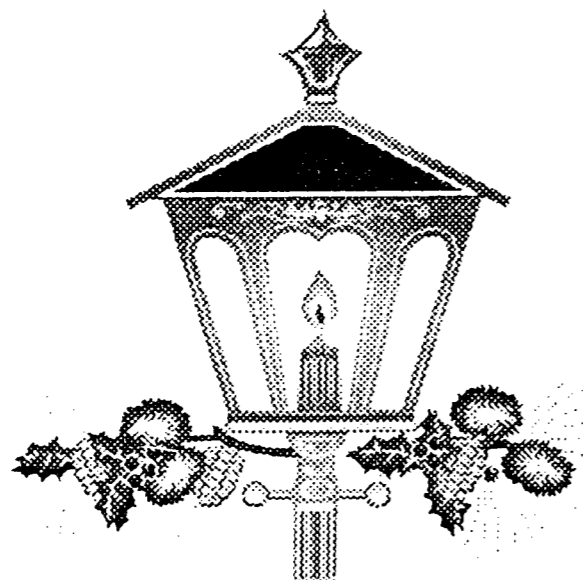
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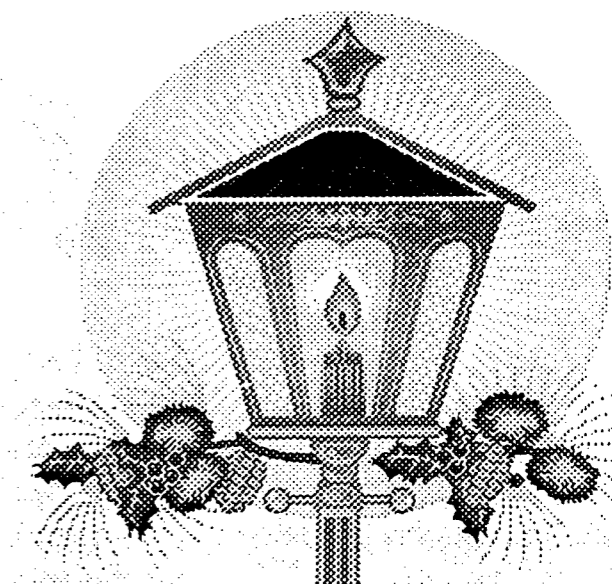
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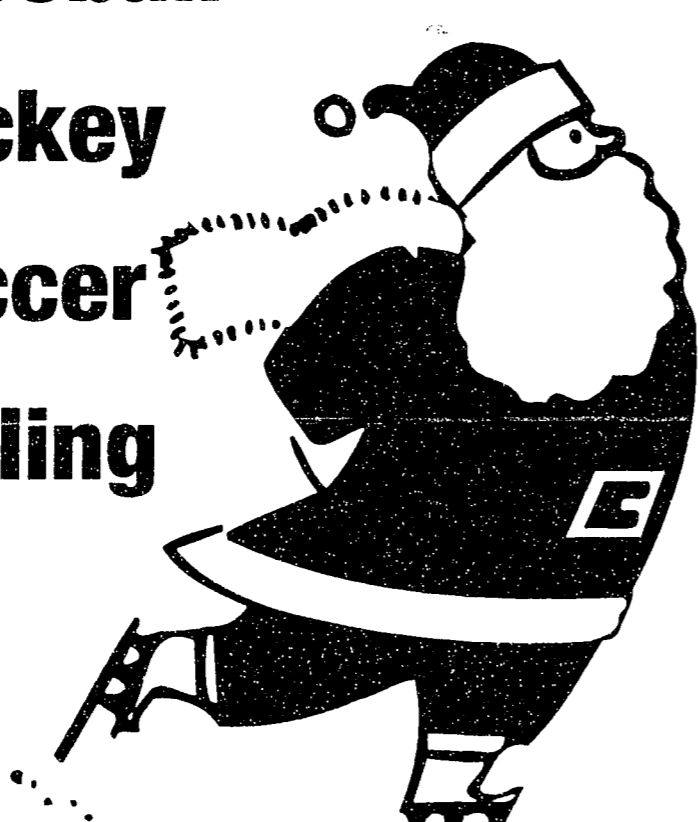
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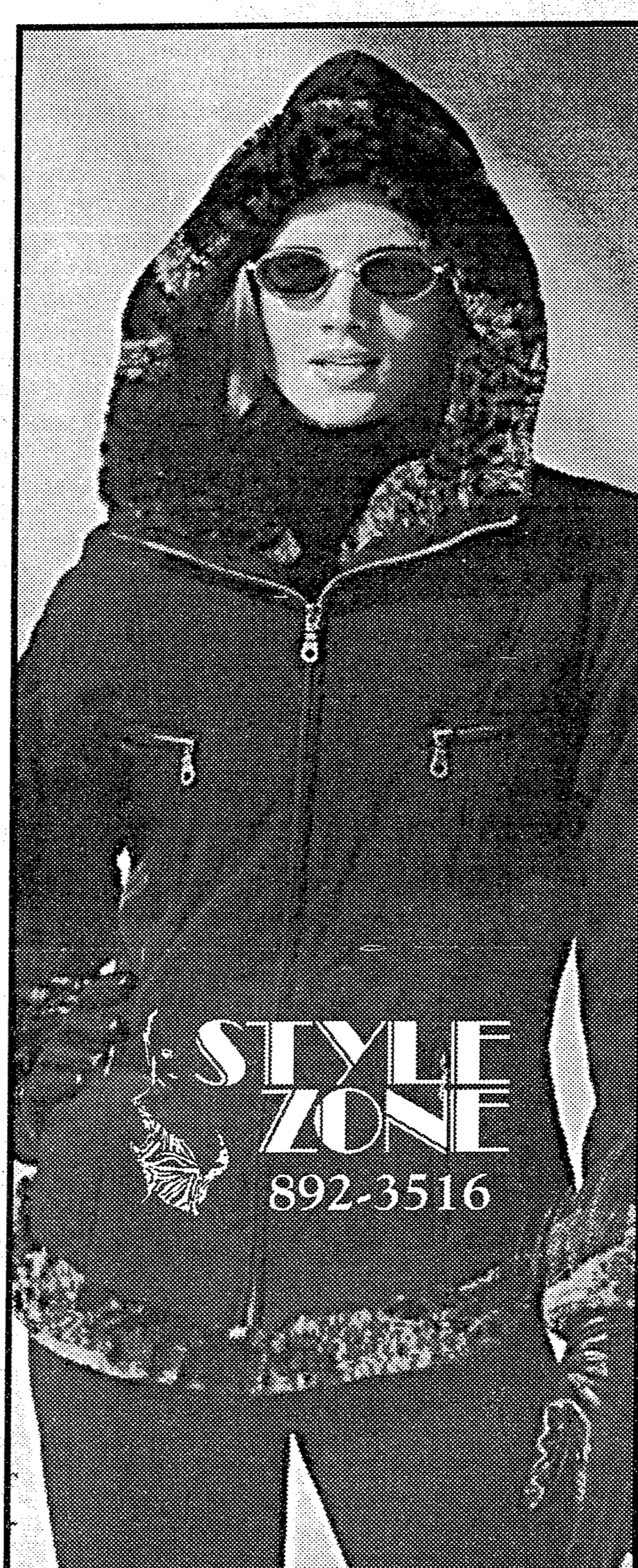
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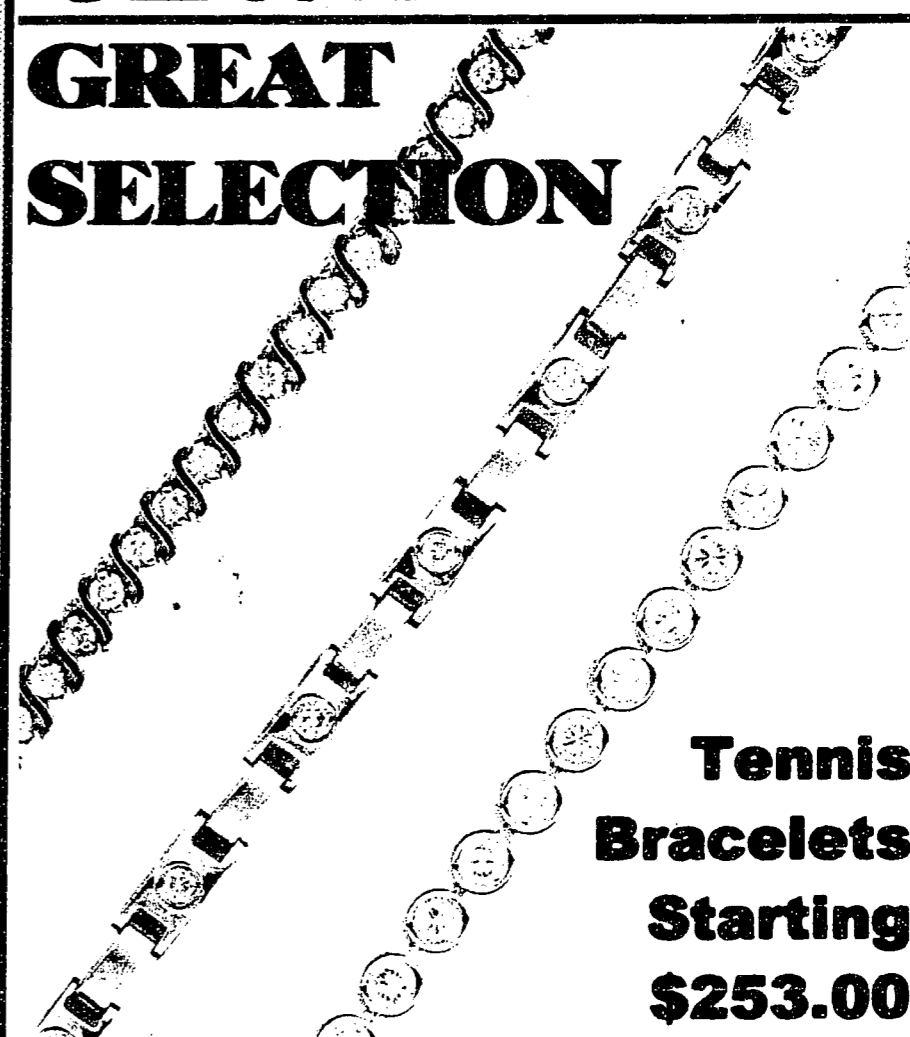
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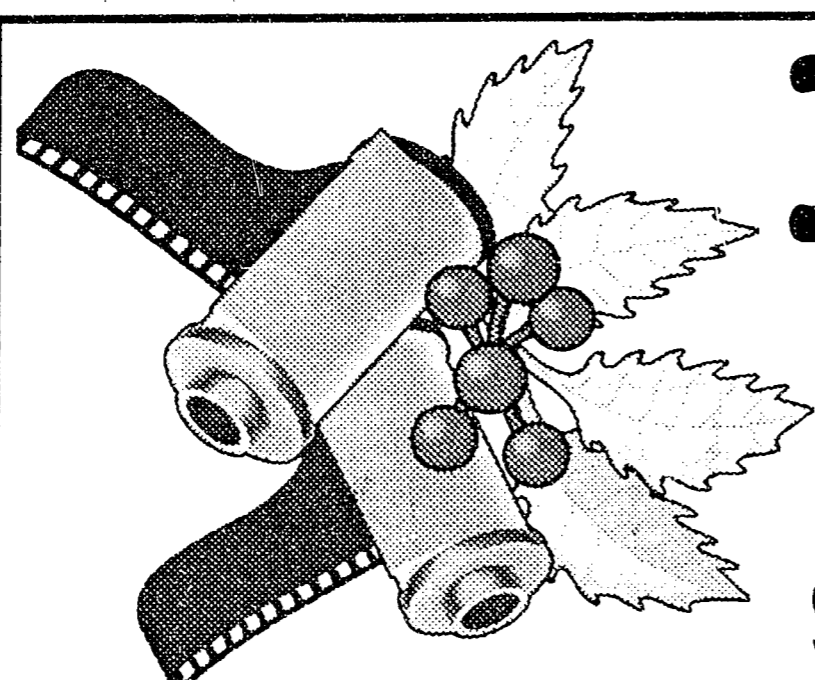


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Think about the future

Editor,
 Could I take this opportunity to thank both B. Currie and yourselves for enlightening us environmentalists on the state of the forest industry. Everything in your letter is true to a greater or lesser degree. This writer has spent almost his whole working life destroying trees, from hand-firing a steam-donkey on an A-frame raft at 12 years of age to retiring in 1986 when he could push a button on a computer and set an entire pulp mill in operation destroying trees and turning

them into toilet paper at an unbelievable rate. This has to stop, and the sooner the better. A tree such as the Elaho Giant will generate far more revenue standing straight and tall, generation after generation, than it will dead after a five-minute attack by an unfeeling and unemotional logger. Maybe it would be good idea to make B.C. into one great big park. The rest of the world will thank us for saving this priceless heritage. We have to stop thinking about how fast we can destroy what

is left of old growth and think 200, 300 or 500 years into the future when a race of human beings we cannot comprehend at present will thank us for our foresight. It is not written in stone that the forest industry should call all the shots in the bush. There is an ever-increasing wave of humanity that will demand this senseless destruction stop. Our world has far more to offer in its natural state than the wasteland we mindless idiots are turning it into.
Don S. McAllister
 Squamish

Christmas fair most rewarding

Editor,
 Our annual Christmas fair took place on Saturday, Dec. 6. Of all the activities I have developed for the daycare, the Christmas fair is by far the most rewarding. For the month of November, the children at the center produce Christmas crafts which are displayed and sold to their parents on the first Saturday in December. The children, in turn, earn their spending money, giving their Christmas shopping a special meaning. In an explosion of creativity, the children put together Christmas ornaments and wall decorations as well as wallets and shopping bags, implementing the different art techniques learned through the year. During the last week they make baked goodies and prepare a table for cash donations for the Squamish Soup Kitchen. It gets pretty hectic when the deadline approaches but each year the children make the hard work and the spirit of giving come together on a perfect day.
Monica Armour
 Sierra Daycare

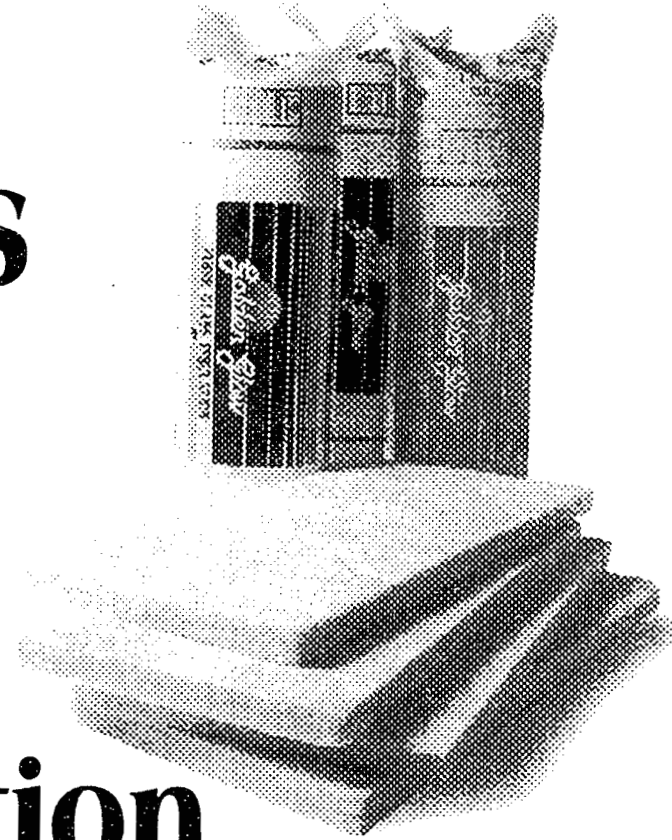


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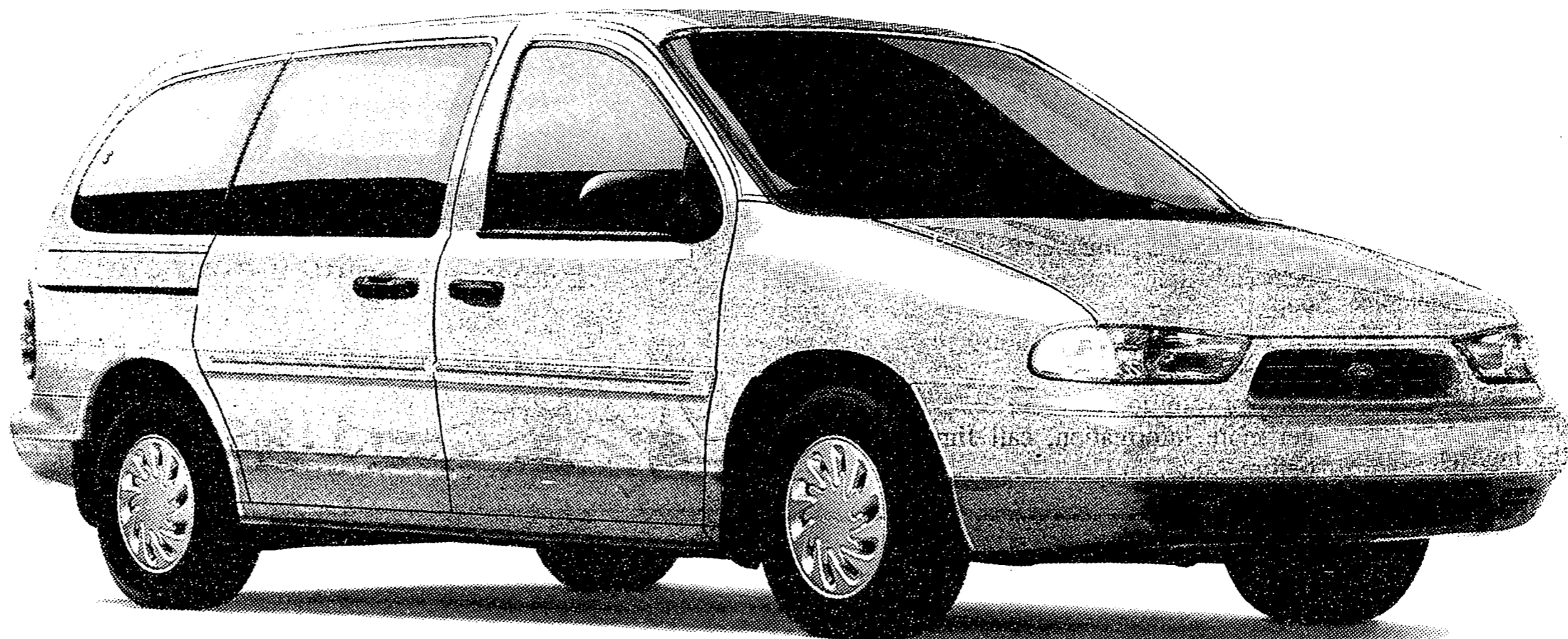
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Annual Christmas bird count provides good scientific data

All levels of birders invited to join event Saturday morning

By JIM WISNIA
Contributed to The Chief

The 17th annual Squamish Christmas Bird Count will be held Saturday, Dec. 20. All species of birds will be counted within a 24-kilometre diameter circle from Britannia Beach to Brohm Lake.

Besides having eight or more parties of hardy outside birders scanning the landscape, there will also be opportunities for feeder watchers to participate.

The Squamish count is one of about 1,700 counts to be held over a two-week period throughout North America, coordinated by the National Audubon Society.

This year marks the 98th anniversary since 27 New York conservationists decided to protest the traditional holiday "side hunt" in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and animals in one day, and instead of shooting birds, they counted them on Christmas Day 1900.

Apart from its attraction as a social and sporting event, the annual count reveals interesting and scientifically useful information about early winter distribution patterns and the overall health of the environment.

Squamish has registered the highest counts

for bald eagles and American dippers in the past few years, and total species counted has averaged around 80.

Field participants meet at the Brackendale Art Gallery at 7 a.m. (continental breakfast courtesy of Thor Froslev), get sorted into sub-area parties, and go out for a full day of birding, returning around 4 p.m. to tally up the count results.

The count is open to birders of all skill levels. Novices can learn from more experienced birders. Participants should pack a lunch, dress for potentially foul weather, and pray for a beautiful day.

Feeder watchers do not sum up all the birds that come to feeders over the day. For each species, only the high number of individuals seen at any one time should be counted. (For example, 11 black-capped chickadees are seen all at once, then leave; four more appear, then leave; and six individuals appear at various times. The total number of black-capped chickadees reported should be 11.)

The totals for all species seen should be called in to Art or Marcie at 898-5445 before 9 p.m. on Dec. 20. For rare species or unusually high numbers of individuals, supporting details, photographs and/or detailed sketches will be required.

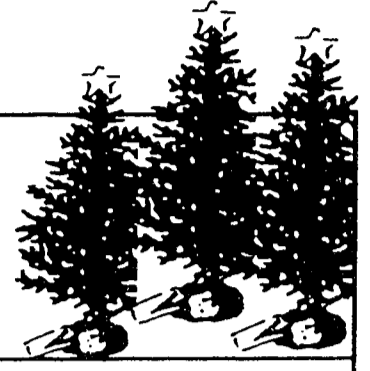
Count data is published in a special edition of National Audubon Society Field Notes magazine. All field observers and feeder watchers who want their names published pay a \$5 fee to support the publication.

If you want to come out for field birding or get more information, call Jim at 898-2000 before 8 p.m. on Dec. 19.

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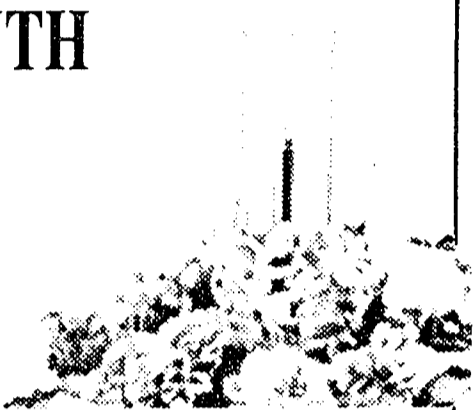
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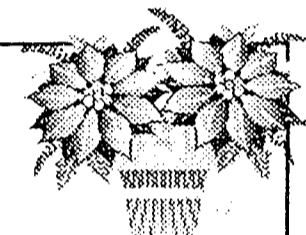
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Squamish trio receive degrees at UVic

Degrees, diplomas and certificates were conferred on 981 graduates at the University of Victoria's 51st convocation on Nov. 29. The following students from Squamish were among those who received degrees: bachelor of arts, Vanessa Kuran; bachelor of education, Monika Rose; bachelor of fine arts, Andrea Hoff.

Corrections

The figures and displays donated to the new Holiday Light Park surrounding the Squamish Pavilion were donated by Western Pulp — Squamish at Woodfibre, not Veldwood as we said in the paper last week. Our apologies to Western Pulp and its staff, who put a lot of work into the display, which used to be a major Christmas attraction at Woodfibre.

Also, in the photo on Page 8 of the winners of the What Makes Christmas Special To Me contest, even though Michael Jennings won the contest. The young kid in the photo was his younger brother Matthew, who got to fly with Santa.

Scam alert

The Squamish and Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce has received information from a member that the "office supply order" scam is around again. Here is the pitch: Our office receives a phone call from a company which says your office order is ready and asks to where it should be shipped. If a member of your staff gives your address, the order will be delivered and you will be billed for it, even though you never actually made an order. If you do not pay for the order you will be dogged by a credit agency.

Students sink their teeth into Grizz Ed

BY KEVIN MCKINNON
The Chief

What do you do if you are approached by a grizzly bear? Why are more people and grizzly bears having confrontations? What can you do to preserve grizzly bear habitat and protect the grizzlies?

A surprising number of adults have trouble answering those questions but now, thanks to the Grizz Ed program, a surprising number of Squamish area students have the answers to those questions and many more.

The program is co-sponsored by the Province of British Columbia and the Vancouver Grizzlies basketball team.

"It's about empowering (the students) to make a choice, and to ask the question 'What does this have to do with me?'" said Grizz Ed educator Kelly Campbell at Stawamus Elementary School on Thursday.

"Educators have been very positive, we've had a great response which shows that the program is really needed."

Campbell, with fellow Grizz Ed teammates Suusa Geuer, Harry Nip and program coordinator Patrice Heppell use theater, interactive workshops and a variety of props to get their message across and provide students with a full day's learning experience.

The traveling education program made appearances at five area schools and will be touring the province to

visit classes from grades four through seven.

Mrs. Miller's class was selected at Stawamus Elementary and the kids not only had a great time with the interactive program, but came away with valuable information on the environment and the ecology of the grizzly which they will share with the rest of the school.

Holly Isbell, a 12-year-old Grade 7 student, was impressed with what she saw.

"I've learned that (the grizzlies) have a really wide range of habitat and like to eat salmon. They have really long claws."

Holly also learned how to get away from a bear and what to do if attacked.

"Crouch down to protect your organs. It's pretty scary."

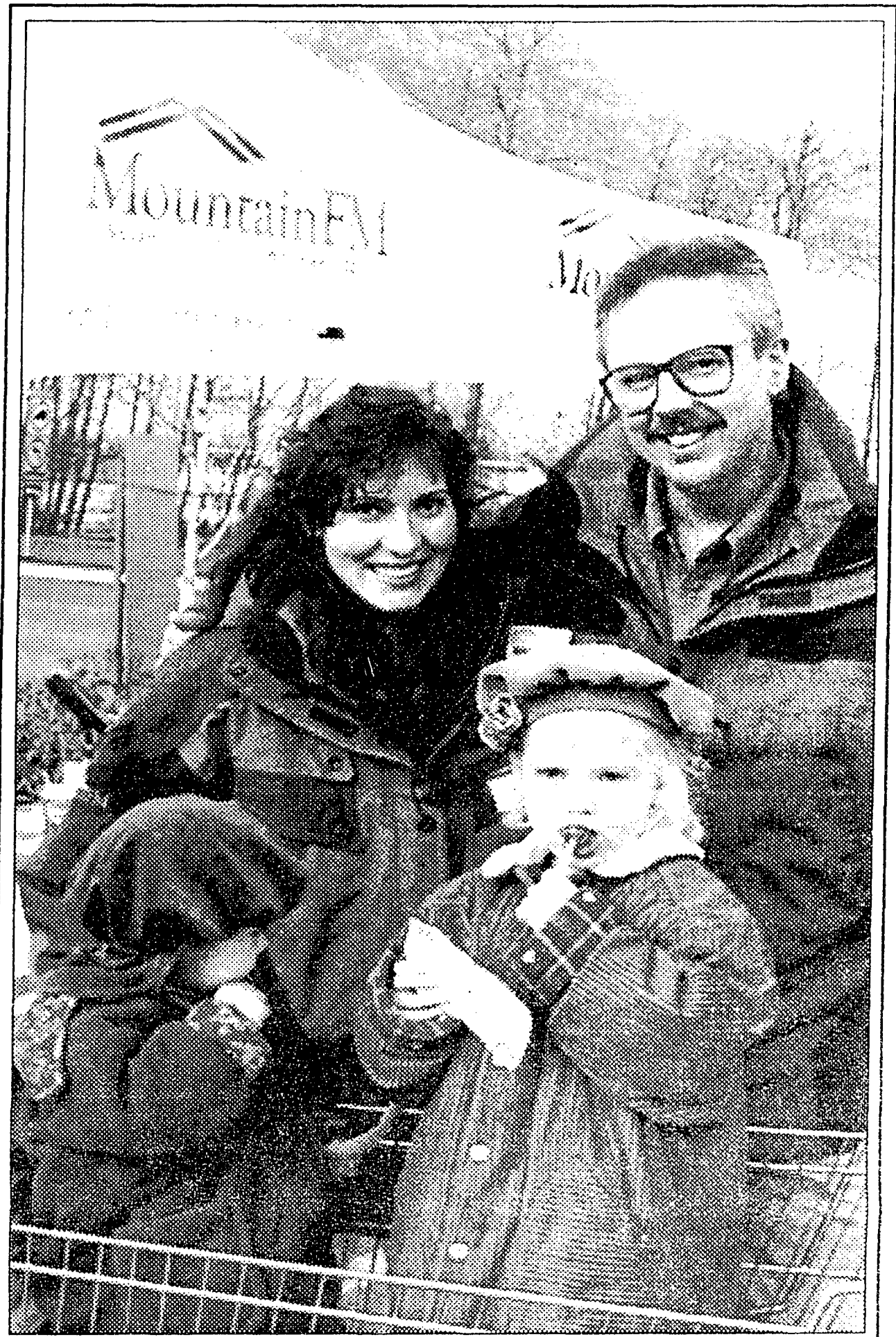
Stephen Bond, an 11-year-old Grade 6 student enjoyed the interaction and theatrical aspects of the program.

"I had fun acting out how the parts of a bears life could be. I'd like being one of the biggest animals in Canada. In winter time though, they wear 20 centimeters of fat on their body. I wouldn't like that."

The Grizz Ed team made it clear to Mrs. Miller's class that the only way to institute change is to have access to information, and to share that information with those around you.

Harry Nip summed it up nicely.

"Now that we have information, we can make a change."



AL PRICE/THE CHIEF

Myia, left, and Abbey Antone each brought \$20 to the Squamish Station Shopping Centre on Thursday to support Mountain FM's drive to help Community Christmas Care. On hand to accept the cash were the radio station's Laurie Kallio and B.J. Doyle. Their effort raised a total of \$6,782 in three hours.

Outdoor School village site has been re-opened

The Heritage Village site at Coast Mountain Outdoor School in Pemberton has been re-opened by the Howe Sound School District. The site was opened for business Dec. 1 on a fee-for-service basis. A minimum deposit of \$100 is required for all bookings. Facilities are available for day use at a cost of \$25 per group plus custodial costs if required. Cabins are \$12 per person nightly. The board of trustees is looking for a corporate sponsor to keep the facility up and running. Contact Rose Wood, clerical assistant for Pemberton and Whistler area school services, at 894-6434 to book events at the site.

Community Christmas Care donation totals climbing

BY DOT DIOTTE
Contributed to The Chief

Following is a list of the generous people and businesses which kindly made donations to Community Christmas Care last week:

L.G Woods, \$25; Anonymous, \$100; Anonymous, \$40; Alida Hoogenboom, \$100; Dr. Sheldon Goldberg, \$50; Diamond Head Motors Ltd., \$150; Royal Canadian Legion, \$500; Anonymous, \$11; Joanna Schwarz, \$25; Marguerite Henrickson, \$50; Norman and Shirley Rutherford, \$100; Margaret Worrall, \$25; Don and Kath Halvorson, \$100; W & S Sellers Distributors Ltd., \$50; Anonymous, \$30;

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and Mrs. Robert Cleaver, \$50; BPO Elks \$119, \$500; Dawson Jane Enterprises Ltd., \$100; Ralph and Sharon Fuller, \$100; Western Pulp Limited Partnership, \$2,000; Margaret Janes, \$25; David and Elizabeth Otway, \$25; John and Corinne Lonsdale, \$50; Janice Houston, \$100; W.J. Elliott, \$50; Squamish Chapter #57 O.E.S., \$100; Anonymous, \$20; Frederick and Audrey Rhodes, \$200; Don and Retta Behrner, \$50; Anonymous, \$200; Anonymous, \$2.84. Total: \$10,815.45

Thanks also to the Squamish and Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce for a donation of \$851, and to the Interfor Logging Christmas party and Poustie family of Britannia Beach for toys.

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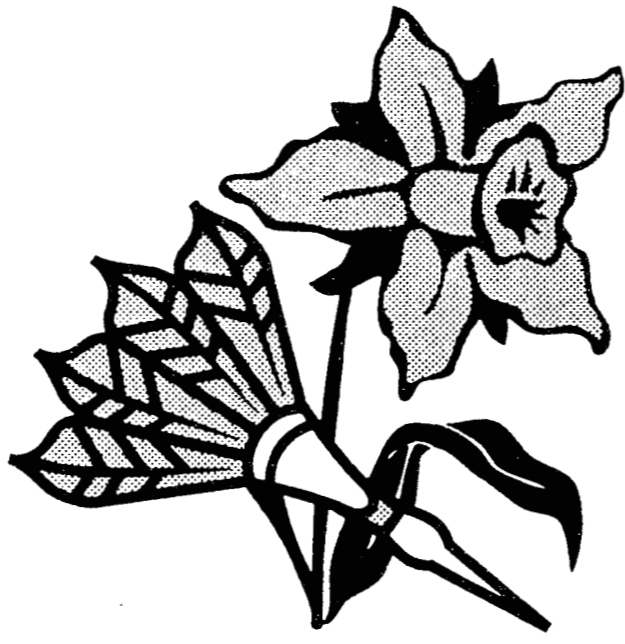
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Darts & Daffodils

Parade assistance appreciated

A Santa Claus Parade full of Kindermusik daffodils to Joan Forry and her crew for organizing such a great event; to Brian at Mountain Building Centres for the truck; Mike for being a great driver; Doug at the Garden Centre for the beautiful greenery; Lawson for the bales of hay; Paul, Charlie, and all the Kindermusik children and families for their help, beautiful singing and happy faces. Kathleen Clarke, The Kindermusik Lady.



An Easter Seal Camp full of daffodils to Diane at Squamish Insurance for organizing our Christmas party. It was a blast. We look forward to next year.

Daffodils to Gary Morris of Morris's More Than Workwear, for his very generous donation on our Adidas track suits. From 16 smart looking Atom Rep hockey players.

A parade of daffodils to the Chieftain Mall merchants for your donation. We had a lot of fun. The Atom Rep hockey team.

Bouquets of musical daffodils with thanks sprinkled through them to Miss Booth and Mrs. Grantham for a wonderful evening. Bouquets of roses for all our budding musicians and singers, you are all stars. Bouquets of delectable daffodils to the chef and all his helpers, the dinner was delicious. Thanks to the parents, teachers, children and the maintenance crew who helped set up and take down. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals for their donations and support. It was a wonderful Winter Gala. Thanks from a very happy parent.

Darts to the people who party, laugh and hoot until all hours on their balcony while the neighbors are trying to sleep. You surely can't be doing anything outside that you couldn't do inside, particularly when it's freezing. Please have some consideration for those who prefer to be able to stay awake at work the next day.

Ladders filled with daffodils to those who rescued me following my fall from a ladder. Thanks also to my neighbors and

friends for their many acts of kindness. I'll try to stay off ladders from now on. Norman.

Long strings of sparkling daffodils to the two neighbors with the great Christmas spirit who put up our Christmas lights. Thank you, your kindness was deeply appreciated. Eagle Grove residents.

A float load of daffodils to Permatruss for the use of the truck, and to all the parents and volunteers. Without your support we never could have won second prize in the parade. Junior Forest Wardens greatly appreciate all of your help. Merry Christmas.

A computer screen full of daffodils to Watson Computers for the great service you gave us. You went beyond the call of duty to satisfy us. Thank you. Squamish needs more businesses like you.

Daffodils to Tuck's Pottery for trusting us with your precious pottery for our party on Friday night. All our friends loved it. Thanks Again. Mary-Ann, Denise, Shawna and Nancy.

Darts and daffodils rules

Want to say thanks and make sure everyone knows why? Or maybe offer a bit of constructive criticism without confrontation? Send your dart or daffodils to The Editor, Box 3500, Squamish, B.C. V0N 3G0 or drop it off at our office at 38113 Second Ave. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also fax your message to 892-8483 or e-mail to sqchief@mountain-inter.net.

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Coupon program assists food banks, farmers

BY AL PRICE
The Chief

Squamish residents can help the local food bank and B.C. food growers every time they shop at IGA Plus or Save-On-Foods.

A provincewide initiative called the B.C. Sharing program, part of the provincial government's Buy B.C. program, is helping food banks throughout the

province.

When shoppers are at the checkout paying for their groceries at participating stores, they can ask the cashier for a B.C. Sharing coupon. It will be scanned the same as a food purchase for \$2, and the coupon goes directly to the Squamish Food Bank.

"It's a great system, it's helping a lot of people," said Bob Hoy of IGA. "The coupons are right by the checkout."

Launched in September, the program has raised more than \$100,000 for food banks throughout the province, said Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Minister Corky Evans. Though the program was supposed to end after Christmas, its success may mean it will be continued, Evans said.

The program helps food banks obtain products grown in B.C., such as milk, eggs, fruit and vegetables.

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Business News

Interest-free shopping gaining in popularity

Ron Anderson



CHAMBER NEWS

Undoubtedly the goal to reach \$1 million in sales through the Shop Squamish Six Month Interest Free shopping program will be achieved before the conclusion of this year's campaign. This year more than \$125,000 in interest-free loans have been approved, bringing the six-year total to \$986,000 in direct sales. This is a tremendous economic benefit to the local economy.

Local residents can access \$1,000 interest-free for six months through the program. The special Shop Squamish cheques can be used for purchases made at any of this year's 41 participating businesses from now until Dec. 24. No interest will be charged on the loan until June 30, 1998.

Application forms are available at the Squamish Credit Union's two branches, the Squamish and Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce office or at participating businesses. Look for the Shop Squamish sign in the window.

During the holiday season, the Squamish and Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce business resource centre and visitor information centre will be open with the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Call 892-9244 for hours of operation.

Congratulations to the entrants of this year's Christmas Light Contest. All displays are marvellous.

If you would like to take the route that this year's judges took, the chamber has a Tour of Lights map available. Special thanks to this year's judges Terry Houle and Judy Nichol from Mountain FM, and Kevin McKinnon and Darian Adley from the Squamish Chief; the sponsors Black Tusk Realty, Guardian Engraving, Squamish Funeral Chapel and The Chief; and Clare and Dick Dorosh for the wonderful hospitality.

During the winter months, there are numerous activities you and your family can enjoy. You can take a tour to see the bald eagles which winter in the Squamish area by horse-



KAREN MILSTEIN/THE CHIEF

Amanda Anderson, above, and her sister Jesse donned their reindeer antlers and Rudolph's nose when they rode with their dad in the Squamish Station Shopping Centre's Santa Claus Parade last weekend.

back, wagon, river raft, llama backpacking or by foot. Winter diving in Howe Sound can be arranged through Sea to Sky Ocean Sports. Aerial tours are offered by Pemberton Helicopters, Black Tusk Helicopters and Blackcomb Helicopters, weather permitting. For skiing call the Squamish Outdoor Sports Ski Shop.

Black Tusk Snowmobile Club has maps of snowmobile routes throughout the area.

This Saturday, Dec. 20, the Squamish Yacht Club Christmas Carol Cruise can be viewed along the Mamquam Blind Channel to the railway bridge starting at 7 p.m. For a complete list of winter events and activities stop by the chamber office and pick up a copy of Winter Fest.

The Squamish and Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce board and staff would like to wish residents and visitors to the Squamish-Howe Sound area a very merry Christmas and a healthy prosperous new year.

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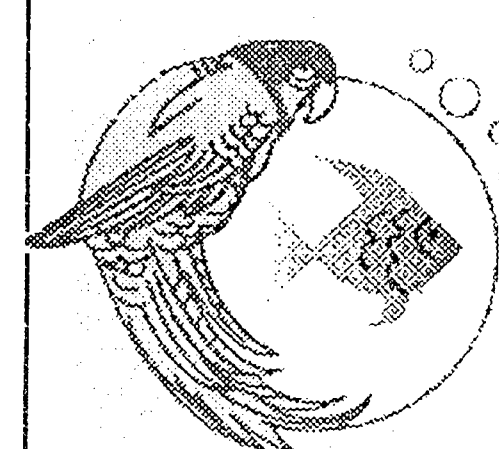


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Community News

Marsh Hurren: early settler

Pemberton's mosquitos drove pioneer back to Squamish

Marsh Hurren, who was interviewed in the early '60s, played a great part in the building of the community. "I suppose I could say that I worked on most of the older buildings in Squamish," Hurren said.

There was the old Squamish Hardware building. It was a two-story structure, but there was a fire which burned the top story. So it was finished off as a one story building.

"Well, I worked on that," he continued, "and also on the first bank in Squamish, which used to be just north of the hardware store." He recalled the building of the Galbraith store just south of Stedmans and Hurren did the lath and plastering.

"Things were so busy I had to hire crews from Vancouver to help me," he said.

Hurren first came to Squamish in 1908, and passed through on his way to Pemberton, where he worked on the roads with a government crew. The next year they built the bridge over the Lillooet River, which formerly had to be crossed by canoe.

He came back to Squamish, where he later worked with Herb Armstrong, Cliff Thorne and Don McCallum on the survey for the Howe Sound Northern Railway and also helped to build the bridge across the Mamquam River.

Hurren recalled that with Whif Rae, he was the first roomer at the Squamish Hotel, and that several other old timers lived there also. He went overseas in the First World War and served with the 68th Artillery. He met Mrs. Hurren in England and later returned to Squamish where he went to work for

Alex Munro Sr., hauling freight from the wharf.

He joined the PGE Railway in 1925, and worked in the boiler shop until his retirement in 1950. Later he worked for the school board and logging firms, but his main interest in later years was his garden.

Recalling his early days, Hurren said he went to Pemberton by pack train and staked land in the Pemberton Valley.

"The country was beautiful," he said, "the meadow grass was green and tall and the streams running through them were clear and full of fish. But oh, those mosquitoes. They were the reason I never did anything with the land."

"When we were working there, you had to wear a veil and keep smudge fires burning to try to escape them. It was a standing joke that a person from Pemberton could be recognized by the way his hands were constantly moving as if he was brushing something away."

Hurren died in 1968 and is survived by three sons, Jim, Harvey and Marsh, and one daughter, Mrs. Owen Reeve, all living in Squamish as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren

A fourth son, John, died a few years ago.

Rose Tatlow



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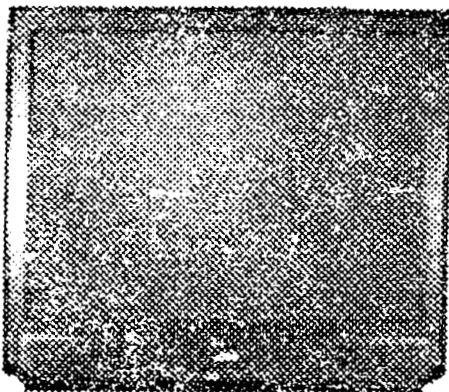
People of Squamish and the surrounding area are invited to share the spirit of Christmas with each other and enjoy a delicious holiday feast at a community Christmas dinner to be held at Howe Sound Secondary School on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Dinner will start at 5 p.m.

The event is being made possible through the generosity of the Sikh community, chef Tony Minichiello, his students and HSSS, and the support of many volunteers from the Squamish Soup Kitchen Society, Squamish Food Bank Society, the Mini Flea Market, Howe

Sound Women's Centre, and students from HSSS and Brackendale Secondary School. Please come and bring a friend. If you need a ride or can volunteer to offer a ride, please call 898-4915. For more information call Edie at the Mini Flea Market at 892-5811.

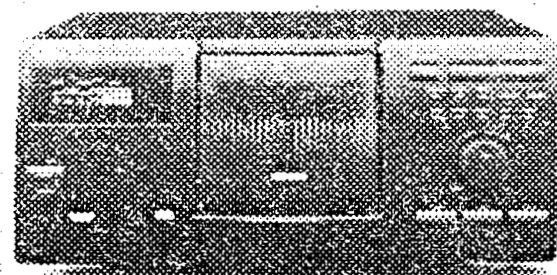


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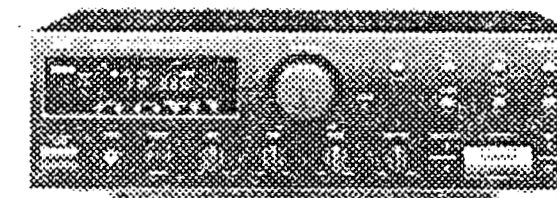


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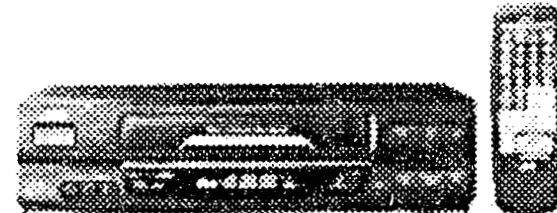
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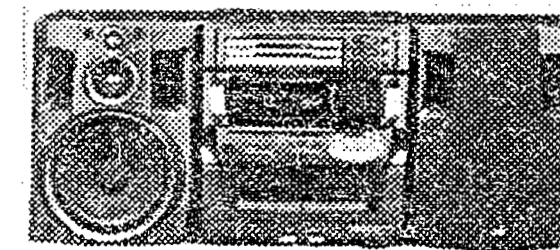
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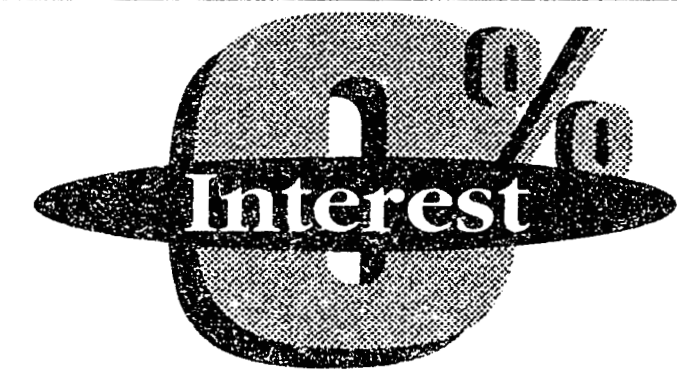


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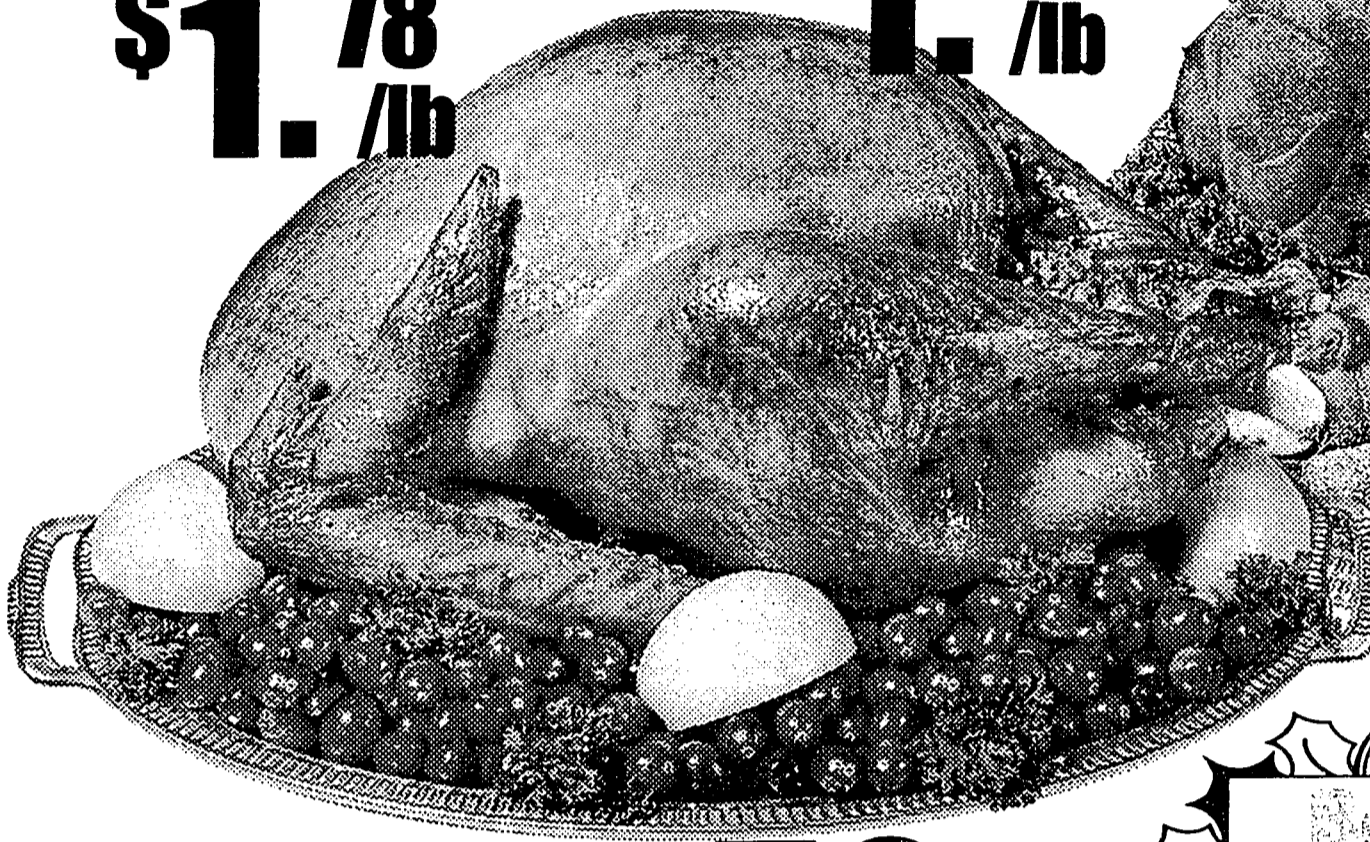
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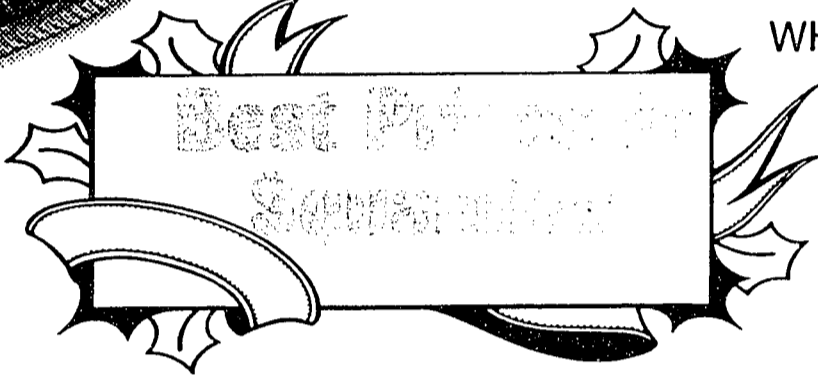
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Community News

Doctors sponsor January concert to support fund drive for Hospital Foundation

BY AL PRICE
The Chief

Doctors Guy Morum and Tim Dundas have found a way to support their favorite charity, the Squamish General Hospital Foundation, and provide some great entertainment for the community in the process.

The two physicians are sponsoring a performance of the Pro Nova Ensemble at the community theatre at Howe Sound Secondary School Jan. 31, with proceeds going to the Hospital Foundation.

"If the concert sells out, Dr. Dundas and Dr. Morum, as sponsors of this event, will be writing a large cheque, in the neighborhood of \$4,000 for the hospital fund," said Joanna Schwarz of the Howe Sound Performing Arts Association, which is helping to coordinate the concert. "Tickets would make a great Christmas gift. They would spare many harried husbands the task of running around Squamish on Dec. 24 looking for last minute gift ideas."

The Pro Nova Ensemble, formerly the Pro Nova String Quartet, made its debut in 1985.

The group includes Aurora Felde and Nancy Case-Oates on violin, Hans-Karl Piltz on viola and Audrey Nodwell on cello. The group will perform a full length concert including works by Mozart, Dvorak and others.

Felde (violin), earned a BA at Queens College, New York. She then went on to study with Ernst Morawec in Vienna and completed her violin studies with Ivan Galamian in N.Y. She has recorded with numerous professional groups and toured extensively as concertmistress with Robert Shaw throughout Europe and North America. She also holds a masters degree from the Bank St. College of Education in N.Y. Since coming to Vancouver she has played with the VSO, the CBC, and the VOA orchestras and has taught at the Waldorf School. In addition to her performing activities, she teaches privately at her home in West Vancouver.

Case-Oates, a native Newfoundlander, began her musical studies at age seven on piano and violin. She was awarded numerous prizes and scholarships for both instruments, but went on to study violin at the University of Toronto. Since completing her studies there, she has performed professionally as a member of the Atlantic String Quartet and with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, and has been a faculty member at the Atlantic Canada Chamber Music Institute in St. John's. In

1997, she completed a masters of music degree at the University of Victoria.

Piltz, a former faculty member of UBC's School of Music, has been principal violist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and has performed in solo recitals in North America and Western Europe on the viola, violin, and viola d'amore.

He is heavily involved with the Early Music movement and is in demand as a lecturer and performer on original instruments of the Baroque

Period.

Nodwell earned her bachelor of music degree at UBC. She received her master of music degree in cello performance from the University of Victoria, and studied cello at the Richard Strauss Conservatory in Munich, Germany.

A former member of the Victoria Symphony, the Symphonic Canadiana and the Vancouver Baroque Ensemble, Nodwell has taught cello and music theory at the Victoria Conservatory

and Capilano College. She is currently on the faculty of Capilano College and also the faculty of the Vancouver Academy of Music, where she has been head of the Suzuki Cello Department since 1974.

Tickets for the concert at \$25 each are available at Mostly Books, Billie's Bouquet, Sears Canada, Scotia Bank, Highlands Video, Highlands IDA, Howe Sound Inn, Squamish Public Library and Ulrike at the hospital.

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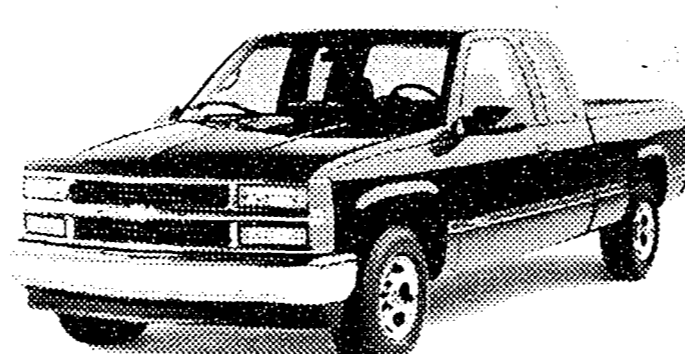
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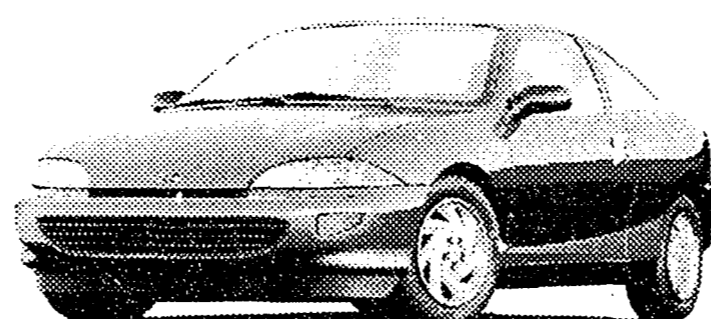
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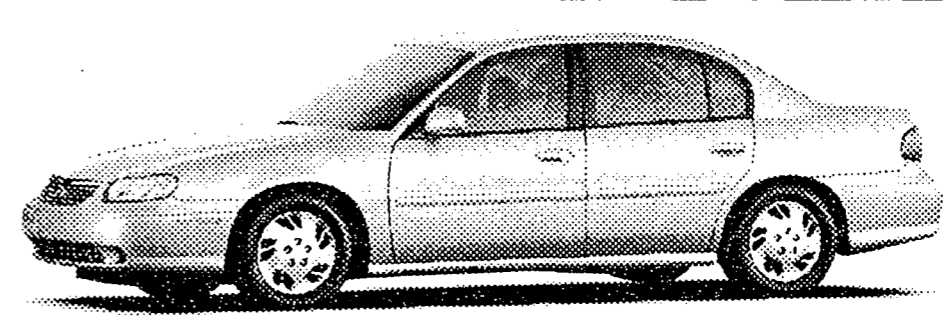
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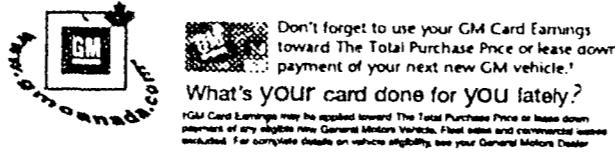
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Community News

Eagles to be counted Jan. 4

By AL PRICE
The Chief



FILE PHOTO/THE CHIEF

Valdy and Friends headline the Wing Ding Dinner and Dance at the BAG Jan. 31.

Brackendale Eagle Reserve Society is holding its annual general meeting and social, with live music. Everyone is welcome, bring a pot luck dessert.

• On Sunday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. the Cheakamus Chamber Music Quintet, members of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, present an evening of chamber music for clarinet and strings.

• Wildlife biologists Barry Booth and Marcus Merkens present a slide show and talk Saturday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. They have been working on the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Eagles of Brackendale project for three years.

• Singer-songwriter Lesley Alexander, who used to work at the BAG and performed along with Valdy last year at the Wing Ding, takes to the stage Sunday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. with John Ellis.

• A multi-media slide presentation on the Squamish and Elaho valleys from tidewater to glacier takes place Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.

• Suitable for all ages, Canadian comedian Gordon White brings his own brand of physical comedy to the gallery Sunday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m.

• The Wing Ding Dinner and Dance takes place with perennial favorite West Coast tourbador Valdy and Friends, Saturday, Jan. 31.

Throughout the season, the Eagle Art Show is on display at the gallery, featuring eagle images by West Coast artists.

The 6th annual eagle photo contest closes Sunday, Jan. 31 and entries will be on display Feb. 7-8. Winning entries in both color and black and white will be announced and prizes awarded Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.

The Squamish Estuary Conservation Society is holding an eagle raffle in conjunction with the festival, with prizes including a signed Robert Bateman book, a framed Victor Elderton print and a book on the Birds of B.C. by Wayne Campbell.

For details on the Brackendale Winter Eagles Festival call the gallery at 898-3333.

In 1986, a group of people from the Lower Mainland gathered in the parking lot of a Squamish supermarket in the pouring rain to coordinate the first provincewide bald eagle survey in conjunction with the World Wildlife Fund.

Brackendale Art Gallery owner Thor Froslev invited the crazy birders into the gallery to get out of the rain, and has been host of the annual eagle count ever since. But Froslev has gone much farther than hosting the bird count. He has coordinated a month of activities and celebrations around the annual visit to Squamish of thousands of bald eagles.

Froslev took up the cause of the eagles, and his dream came true last year when the provincial government established the 550-hectare Brackendale Eagle Reserve which is protected from logging, mining or any other development. The reserve takes in land on both sides of the Squamish River from the Mamquam to the Cheakamus.

In the month surrounding the eagle count, Froslev has created the annual Brackendale Winter Eagles Festival, a series of events focused on eagles, which is celebrating its 12th anniversary this year.

• The 12th annual eagle count takes place Sunday, Jan. 4. It is conducted for scientific purposes by trained volunteers and is not open to the general public. There are, however, walking tours on that day with Eagle Watch volunteers, and other events in which the public is invited to participate. Bev Day of OWL will be on hand with live eagles which are being rehabilitated. Froslev will be speaking on the history of the festival and the count, Jane Porter will explain Eagle Watch, and Jean Wilkinson will give a talk on estuary conservation.

• On Saturday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the gallery the

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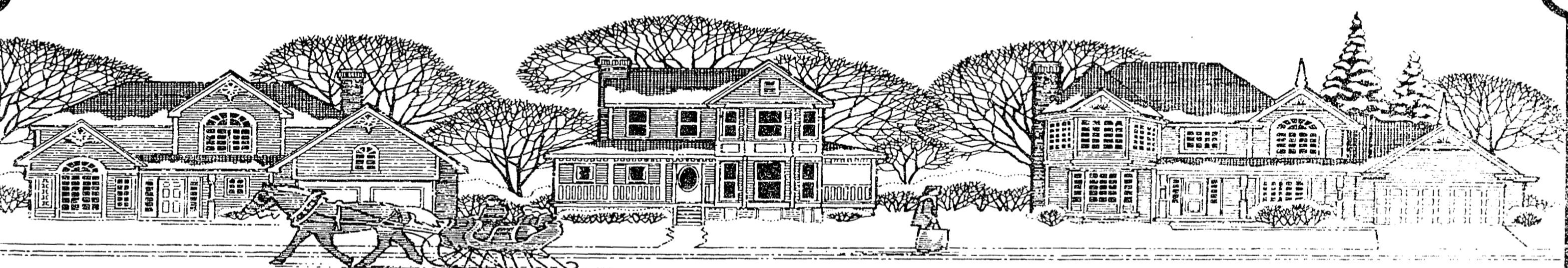
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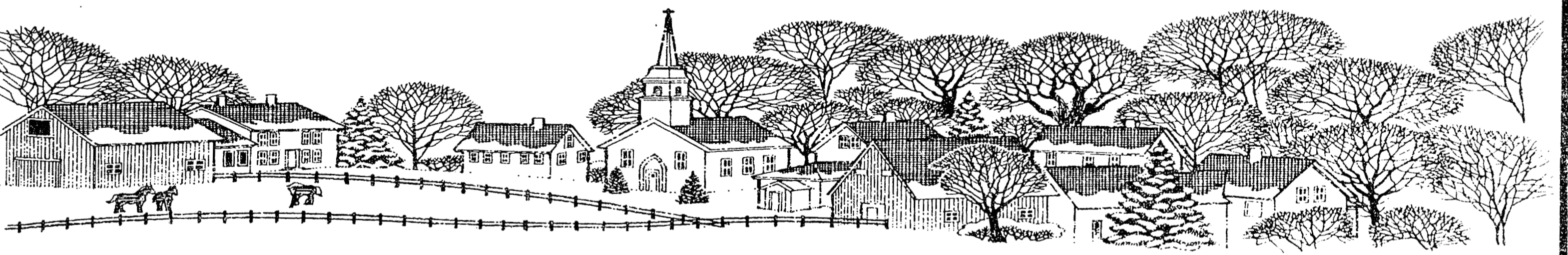
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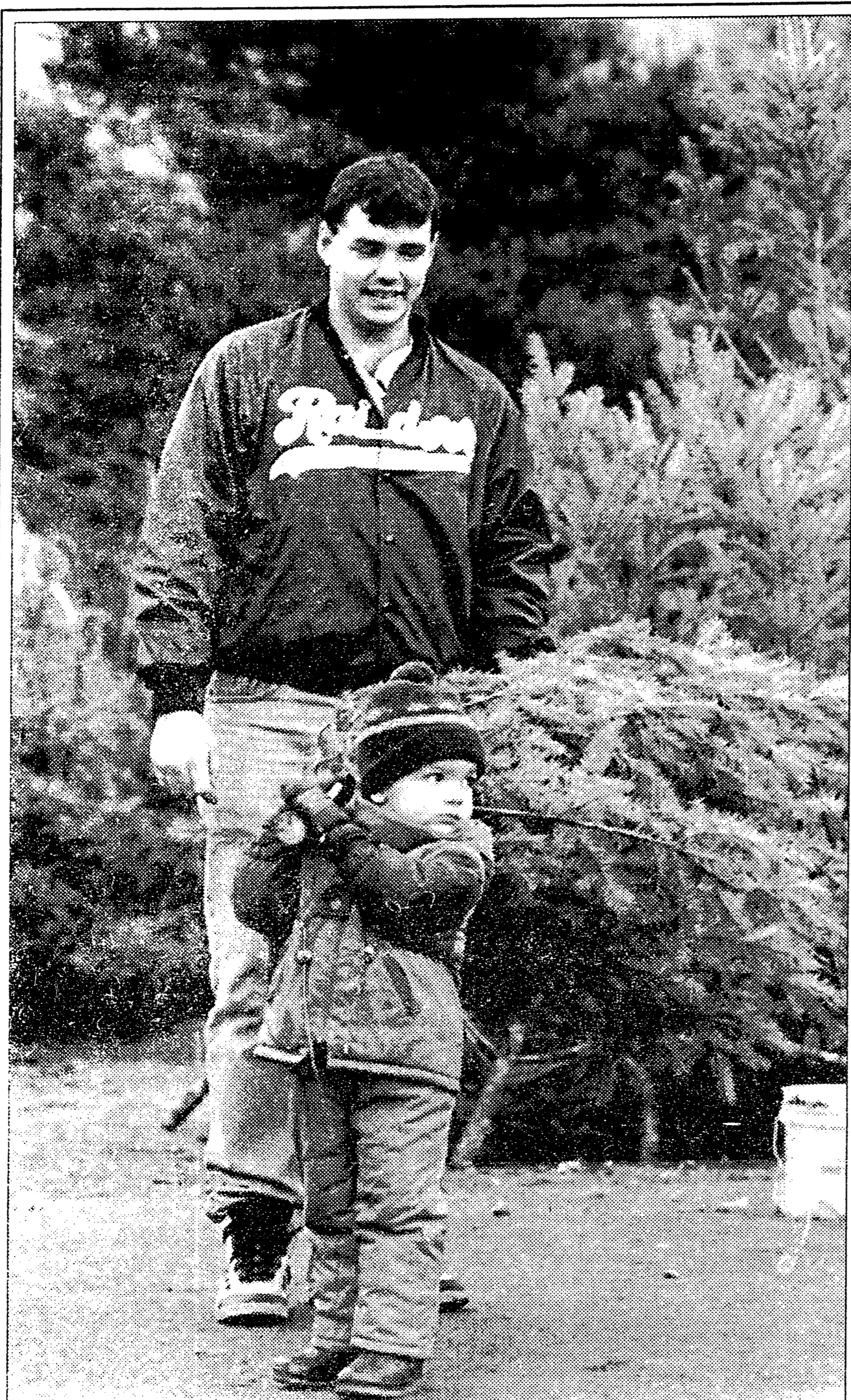


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KAREN MILSTEIN/THE CHIEF

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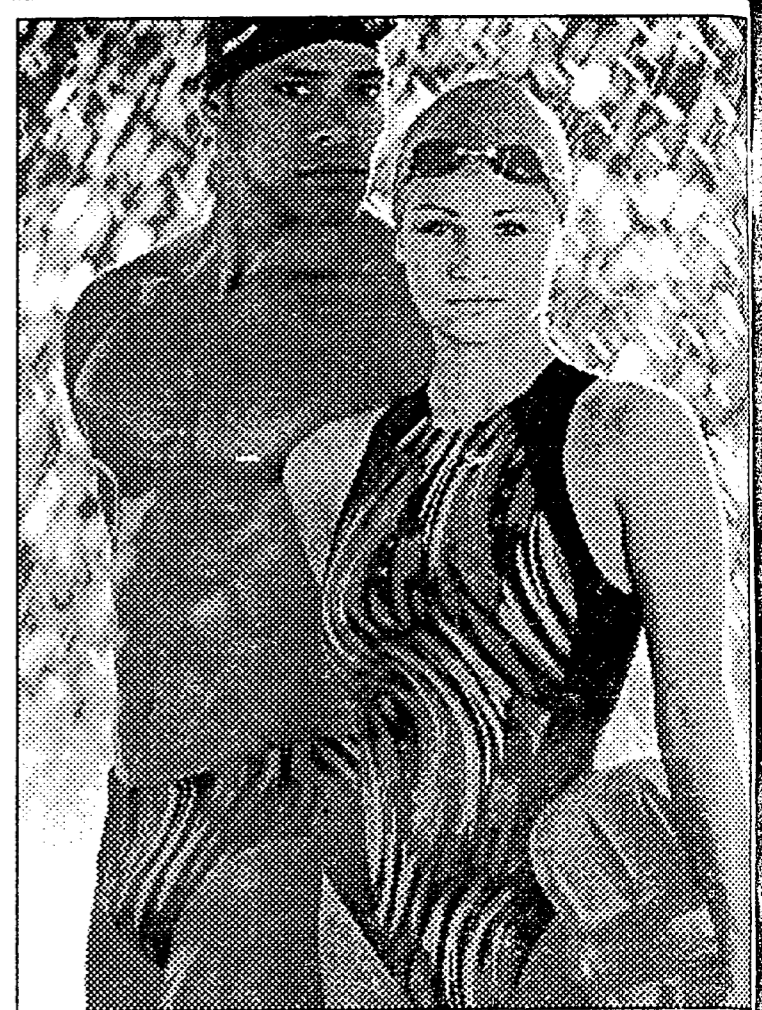
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The season is upon us again. Let us view this as a new Christmas with promises of letting of the past, not the tradition. I mean, let's make it even better than last year. Some families find the stress level mounting at this time of year, particularly with rela-

tionships. Our purpose on this earth is to raise our planetary vibrations, to put it in a nutshell. To raise the vibrations within ourselves is the only way we can make a difference. Giving love, even if it is only a thought will change things. Providing a service for someone in need comes back to you a thousand-fold. It just feels good to help others and encourages our children to pass it on. At Christmas I would take my neighborhood children on a carol sing and collect for charity. Those rosy little faces would glow at the thought of helping another child less fortunate than themselves. So, drink a little less and love a little more. Seasons Greetings and Love to all my readers.



ASK YOUR PSYCHIC

Dear Diane,
 Things haven't been going very well between my husband and I for the past couple of years. Things aren't improving. They just seem to be getting worse. What should I do?
Signed, Unhappy.

Dear Unhappy,
 You both need to decide if you want the relationship period. You are both feeling the burden and responsibility heavily at this time. Hang on until early Spring and then I feel that there is a chance for renewal. Communication, with no holds barred in expressing your feelings, is necessary on both parts. If you want it and both are willing, counselling will help you along the rough stretches.

Dear Diane,
 I've been having a long distance relationship. Now, he wants to move to the Squamish area. How

do you see this working out for me?
Signed, Antsy.
Dear Antsy,
 He definitely is in the middle of life change, and is ready for new beginnings. If you feel this puts pressure on you, don't let it. Take one day at a time or you'll drive yourself crazy with the what ifs. Big change is also on your menu. Let nature take its course.

Dear Diane,
 I will be alone for Xmas. It isn't here yet and I already feel depressed. I have been asked to someone's home whom I don't know too well. Should I go?
Signed, Unsure.
Dear Unsure,
 How nice that someone has offered to share their Christmas with you. Take a chance, it seems to me that this could be the start of a new friendship. You need to extend yourself and reach out to others. Have a good one!

Thank you all for your letters, keep them coming. Diane Mills is a practicing psychic counsellor living in Garibaldi Highlands. You may send or bring letters to Diane, c/o The Squamish Chief or fax directly to Diane at 898-2094. Please include your question and relevant birth dates whenever possible. This column will be published every two weeks.

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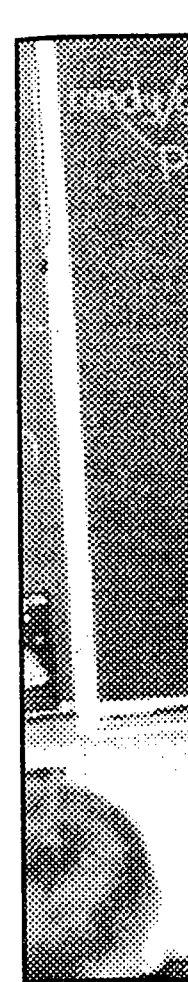
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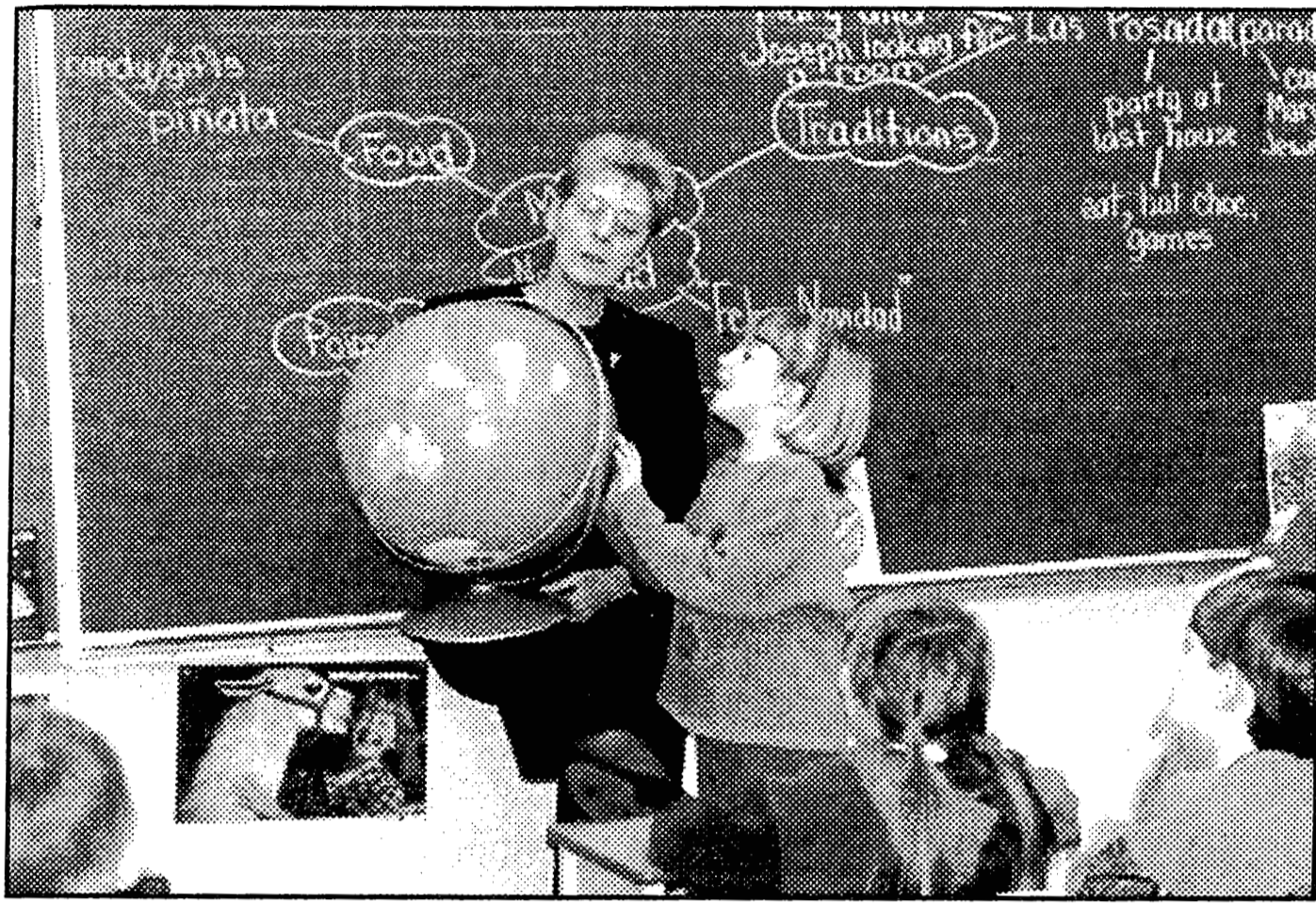
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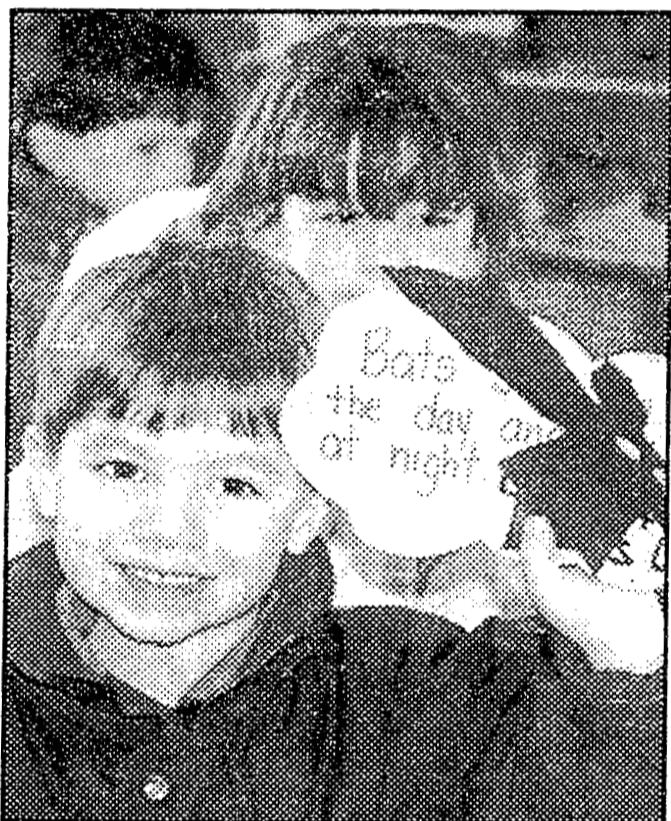
Kindergarten students have stunning vocabulary



CONSTANCE RULKA/THE CHIEF

Ms. Pritchard helps Garibaldi Highlands Elementary students find different countries on the globe.

The topic was bats in Ms. Luck's kindergarten class at Garibaldi Highlands Elementary. A group of four boys had work to catch up on before they could move over to such exciting activities as making Santa faces or stitching Christmas stockings. They had not finished the booklets they had been working on since their visit to Stanley Park, where they had learned about bats.



CONSTANCE RULKA/THE CHIEF

Bats are fascinating creatures for youngsters to study.

One might have expected them to be a bit disgruntled about being stuck with bats when the sound of Jingle Bells was in the air. Not at all. When I came up to the table, I was informed that "bats are nocturnal animals that find their way around by echo-location." Rather stunned at hearing this kind of vocabulary reeled off by kindergarten students, I was then completely overwhelmed by an avalanche of information. They seemed to think my ignorance quite pitiful when I did not know which species

of bat is the largest. I got a quick refresher course on the Samoan flying-fox. It has a wing-span of up to five feet. This started an argument as to whether one of them would be that big if he lay down on the floor and stretched out his arms at each side.

Fortunately, the discussion ended, and they all broke into giggles when somebody mentioned the pig-nosed bat, and the bull-dog bat that eats frogs. There was some digression around the repulsiveness of living on a diet of bugs, but they could all give the definition of a mammal and say why bats belong in that category.

Their booklets have the title: "I am an expert on..." printed on the front page, and to me that seemed a very good description of these four and their bats.

Santa

The group making Santa's face quickly crayoned in the "nose like a cherry" and the pink cheeks, stuck on paper circles for eyes and supplied a construction paper hat. The hold-up was the beard. The balls of cotton wool had to be teased out and stretched, and then, of course, they had to be tried out on one's own chin before being applied to Santa. It was pointed out how lucky it was that somebody's aunt had given the class a really big bag of cotton wool at Halloween, and how even luckier it was that witches' hair and Santa's beard need identical materials.

Bees

Another class at GHE was having something of the same overlap between Christmas and Halloween. Ms. Pritchard is discussing with her class the varying customs and traditions connected with Christmas in different parts of the world, and the students are locating the countries on the globe and relating them to Vancouver.

A question came up about pumpkin

decorations, and the teacher asked why there are no pumpkins in

Constance Rulka



SOUND SCHOOLS

the gardens just now, expecting a comment on the sharp frost. Instead, a student said that there are no bees around, so there are no pumpkins. This was a teaching opportunity if ever there was one. Work on Christmas was postponed while an investigation was carried out on this matter of bees and pumpkins. Chris had all the facts straight about bees being needed to pollinate plants in the spring, but some students seemed to be confused about when the bees' work stopped and what happened next.

Ms. Pritchard asked them how they could find out what bees do in winter. There was some suggestion that bee-keeping relatives could be invited in to give a talk, or else the students could just go out sometime and observe for themselves.

To get the information immediately though, it was agreed that they should go to the library and find a book about bees. When Ms. Pritchard asked what they could do if all such books were out — expecting some suggestions about using the computer — they replied, without hesitation, that she would just have to phone down to the public library. Fortunately, no such extreme measures were needed, as one of the students produced his library book from his desk.

It was all about bees, and everybody knew that they should look in the table of contents or the index, or just skim through the pictures to find a winter scene.

That worked, and they read about bees wintering in the hive — clustering around the queen bee to keep her warm. Somebody said that the bees on the outside of the ball must get pretty chilly, but Ms. Pritchard read from the book about the bees continually changing their positions — from inside the cluster to outside — so that no individual got too cold. It was agreed that this is a true example of the cooperation we are always talking about.

Babushka

Ms. Lowe's students are also learning about Christmas in other lands, and know about those old women: Babushka of Russia and Befana of Italy, both of whom disregarded the Wise Men. Ms. McCutcheon has made them a papier maché model of the first — exactly like the ugly picture in their storybook. I could see the point, but was not overly flattered when one little boy asked if I was Babushka come to visit.



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Howe Sound Secondary School band students braved chilly temperatures to serenade a large gathering at the Squamish Pavilion Dec. 6 for the lighting ceremony at the new Holiday Light Park, which is now one of the final stops on the Tour of Lights.



KAREN MILSTEIN/THE CHIEF

The Sea to Sky Singers led a rousing chorus of Christmas carols after Mayor Corinne Lonsdale officially lit the lights at the park.

Residents encouraged to tour the Christmas lights of Squamish

Following is the annual Tour of Lights, all the entries in the Christmas light contest coordinated each year by the Squamish and Howe Sound Chamber of Commerce:

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- 3060 Midnight Way
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- * 41316 Government Road — Eagle's Nest Restaurant — best business display over 35 feet
- * 41350 Kingswood — Fawn Obieglow and family, best residential display
- 40456 Government Road — Shady Tree Pub
- Highlands Mall — Larry's Coffee Break
- 40100 Diamond Head Road
- 1949 Mamquam Road
- 40133 Garibaldi Way
- 40174 Bills Place
- 2541 Montrose Way
- 2597 The Boulevard

- 1003 Torbet Road
- 2579 Paisley Place
- 39920 Government Road #25, #27 & #29 — Shannon Estates, best condo/apartment display, Doug and Janine Astleford, Karen and Barry Emoff and Crystal and Corey Nickerson
- Last house on Aspen Road
- 1838 Garden Place
- 1840 Garden Place
- 1827 Garden Place
- Chieftain Centre Mall — Stylezone
- 38041 Cleveland Ave. — The Country Store — best business display under 35 feet
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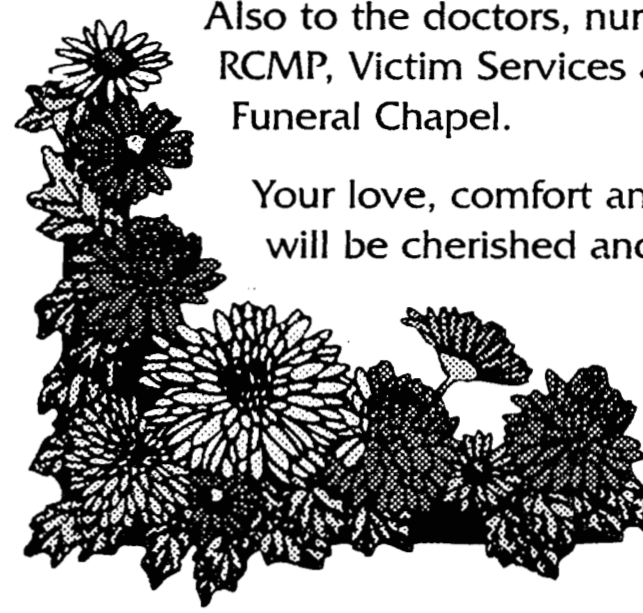
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Teresa, Anthony,
Nick (Diana),
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Community News

BSS students experience the excitement of independent study through science

By **HERB JOHNSTON**
contributed to The Chief

Many students at Brackendale Secondary School have just completed their science projects as part of their course work in junior science courses.

The intent of these projects is to have students study a topic of their choice through researching, experimenting, and reporting their findings to other members of the class.

This has been an ongoing, four-month, out-of-school project where students first learn about the scientific method, study a variety of natural phenomena, and then choose a topic of interest to investigate, then follow through with both research and documentation.

Presentations are made with the help of charts, exhibits and models, many of which remain posted around the halls of BSS.

The intent of this hands-on activity is to have students gain a sense of what it is like to be a researching scientist and to experience the excitement of independent study.

A great variety of topics were researched including: brain structure and function, distilling processes, chemical reactions, dissections, plant growth under various conditions, crystal growth, bridge constructions, the chemistry processes and many more.

Congratulations to these students for their excellent work and their many mentors in the community who helped with this meaningful learning experience.

Editor's note:

Herb Johnston is the head of the science department at BSS.



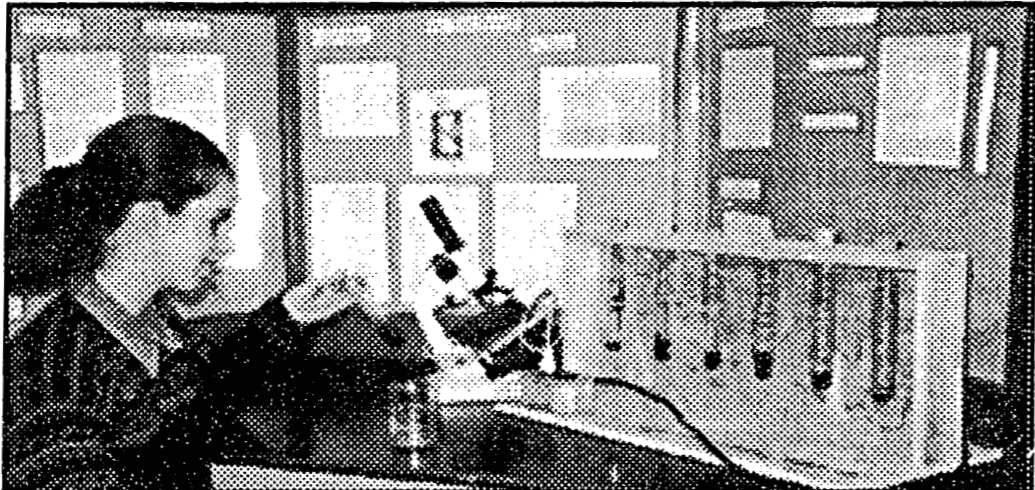
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Grade 8 students Kalen Gaetz, left, and James MacMillan dissect a fish as part of their aquarium and fish studies.



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James Graham, third from left, demonstrates to other students a maze which different species such as rats, gerbils, mice and hamsters had to navigate to determine their learning abilities. Rats were the winners.



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Grade 9 student Erin Borsoff studies the effect of different electromagnetic strengths on locally collected algae. There is some evidence that higher currents created abnormal shapes in algae cell structure.





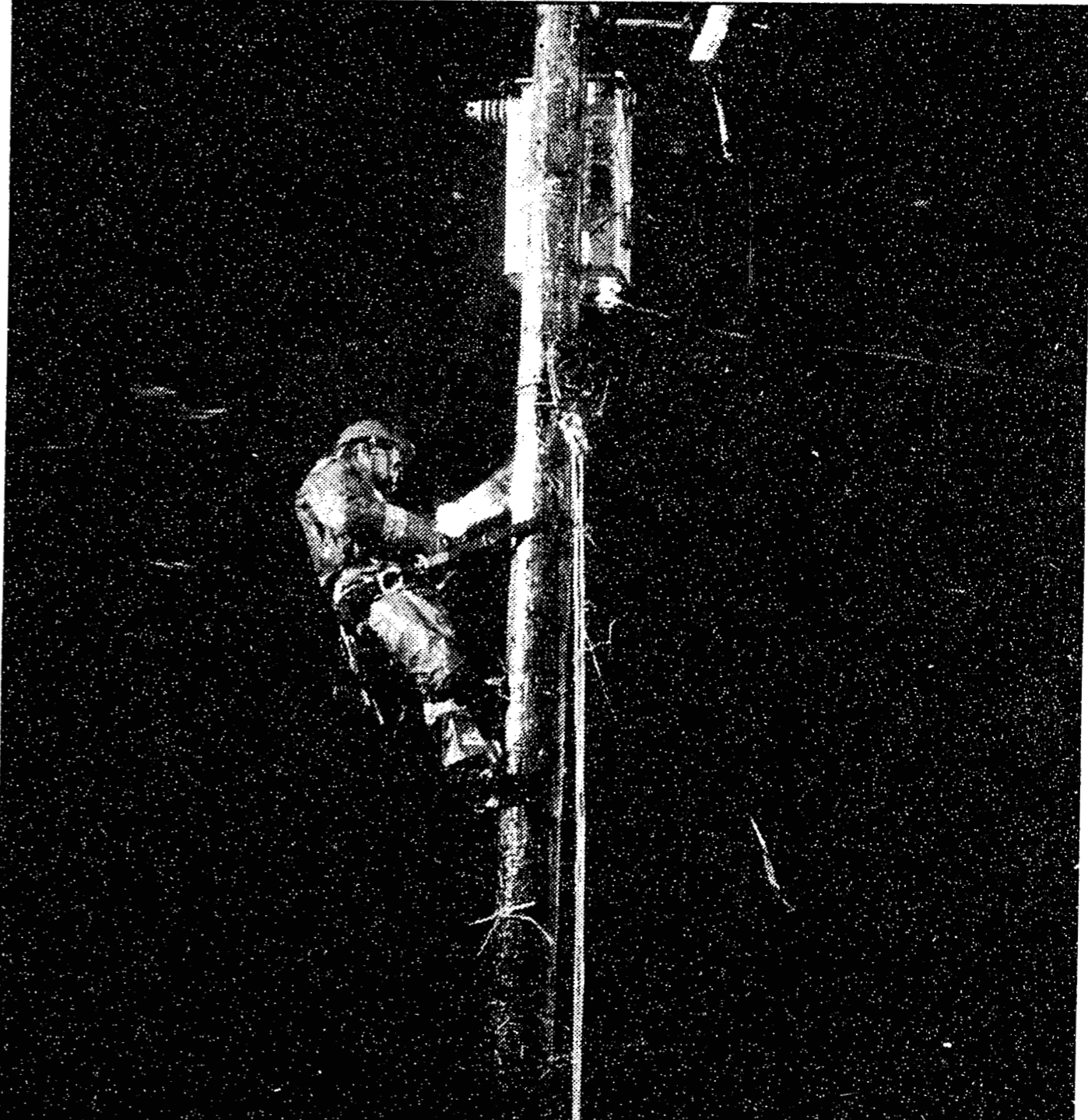
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The eagles are back

Inflatable raft provides perfect viewing platform

By KEVIN MCKINNON
The Chief

Floating down the Cheakamus and Squamish rivers in an inflatable raft is a beautiful experience at the best of times. Add into that equation about 3,700 eagles on their yearly pilgrimage to the area and you're in for a truly awesome trip.

Setting out recently from the Sun Wolf Outdoor Centre with our raft guide, Dave Laird, six of us piled into one of the centre's inflatables after strapping on life jackets and being given a brief safety lecture.

After coming around the first bend in the Cheakamus we spotted a few bald eagles right away. The river was teeming with spawning chum salmon and it wasn't too long before we came upon a large, mature eagle lunching on one of them by a sand bar. The eagle didn't even stop feasting on his chum as we

quietly drifted by, taking in the moment.

All along the banks of the river both white-headed mature eagles and golden-brown immature birds dotted the treeline and the river's edge. Our guide pointed out mountain peaks, wildlife and spots of interest on the river as we drifted slowly along. Well, usually slowly, there are a few short stretches of river that do involve a small amount of white water. Enough so you get a bit wet and want more, but certainly not enough to be dangerous. Once we made our way onto the Squamish River, the ride was smooth all the way to the end.

Throughout the day there were plenty of opportunities to take photographs of the flora and fauna on the river.

The entire trip was great fun and thanks to the water-proof boots supplied by Sun Wolf, comfortable and relatively warm.

After bobbing down the river for two hours and seeing hundreds of eagles along with ducks, salmon and breathtaking scenery, we beached the raft off Judd Road and headed back to Sun Wolf for a bowl of hot soup in front of the lodge's crackling fireplace.

The perfect ending to the perfect day on the river.

KEVIN MCKINNON/THE CHIEF
A mature bald eagle feasts on the rotting carcass of a spawned-out chum salmon



KEVIN MCKINNON/THE CHIEF
Trees alongside the Squamish River provide the eagles an ideal perch for spotting a passing snack.



KAREN MILSTEIN/THE CHIEF
Louise Stapleton of Whistler enjoys one of the rougher parts of the Cheakamus River while guide Dave Laird steers from the stern of the raft during an eagle-watching tour.

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Community News

Community Christmas Care appreciates all donations

A trim-the-Christmas-tree party is planned at Hilltop House tomorrow evening, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join the residents, staff and volunteers and while decorating the tree, take part in a carol sing-along. You will buoy the spirits of many with your attendance.

Whether your contributions are large or small they are all appreciated, so if you haven't given a donation as yet to Community Christmas Care there is still time. Drop into Highlands Video, the Squamish Credit Union (downtown) or The Chief with your cash or cheque donations. Also help fill the grocery boxes for CCC at our local supermarkets.

The Howe Sound Inn and Brewing Company is trying to raise \$1,000 for Community Christmas Care and to date, \$700 of that amount has been collected through the craft fair, raffle and Christmas decorating. On Thursday night, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. another fund-raiser for CCC will be to paint your own Christmas decoration in the Brew Pub. The cost is \$1 per decoration.

Along with the folks at Hilltop House who enjoy an outing, perhaps you know someone in your neighborhood who may be elderly, a single parent, unemployed worker or someone in hospital who would appreciate a visit. An invitation out for a meal. Sharing our precious time is the best gift at Christmas.

The Sea to Sky Singers will share their wonderful talent with the community of Whistler when they visit there on Sunday, Dec. 21. The Singers will entertain at the Whistler Chateau Resort at 3:30 p.m. and at the Delta Whistler Resort at 5:30 p.m. I'm sure all the visitors will appreciate the Christmas offerings of the choir.

Celebrating December birthdays at Hilltop House this month are Dominic Richie, Pat Fellows, Gertie McKinnon and Rene Bishop. It's a special milestone birthday for Rene. The birthday party begins at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 17 and visitors are always welcome to partake of the cake and coffee.

The Mini Flea Market on Second Avenue will have free coffee and sandwiches for customers on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Drop into the market anytime and check out the bargains. Raffle tickets are also available and the draw will be held Dec. 24. Money raised at the Flea Market goes to great causes in our community.

Through the generosity of the Sikh Community, chef Tony Minichiello and his students at Howe Sound Secondary School, a community Christmas dinner will be held in the school tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. Also ensuring this will be a great feast are the Howe Sound Women's Centre, Squamish Soup Kitchen, Squamish Food Bank, the Mini Flea Market and students from both HSS and Brackendale Secondary Schools. If you need a ride and also if you can volunteer to drive someone, the number to call is 898-4915.

Stork Story - BLACKSTOCK - Shelley and Tim Blackstock are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Matthew David, born at 10:07 a.m., Nov. 26, in the Lions Gate Hospital, weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. The proud grandparents are Fran Spratt of North Vancouver and Marge and Gord Blackstock of Barriere, B.C. The new parents express thanks to Dr. Ron Village, Dr. Vince Scali and the nurses and students for their support and care.

A big thank you is extended to everyone

who supported the Women's Auxiliary to Squamish General Hospital's annual Christmas craft sale and raffle on Dec. 6. The raffle winners were Tom Wintle, Janet Smillie and Edward Rundle.

Maureen Gilmour



.....ABOUT TOWN.....

Stork Story - GERVIN - It's a second grandson for Marlene and Gordon Gervin. Kyle Joseph, weighing 8 lb., 5 oz. was born in Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, on Nov. 26, to pleased parents, Paula and Glen Gervin and is a brother for Tanner. Also welcoming Kyle were grandparents Pat and Paul Rivet of Williams Lake and great-grandparents Roland Gervin of Burnaby and Eileen Gundersen of Winfield.

Tickets are still available for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Squamish raffle. The prizes are a gourmet Christmas basket valued at \$150, Vancouver Canuck tickets worth \$125 and a X'Ocolatl Christmas creation valued at \$50. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available at many outlets. Prize winners will be announced on Dec. 20.

Stork Story - MacMILLAN - Wade and Linda MacMillan are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Melissa Marie, weighing 8 lb. 15 oz. and born in Duncan on Dec. 3. This is a sister for Taneasha Elizabeth. The proud grandparents are Betty and Charlie MacMillan of Squamish and Karen and Lyle Sheepwash of Duncan.

The members of the Squamish Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star are asking all of us to save up our old stamps and envelopes (especially now from our Christmas cards) to help cancer patients through their Cancelled Stamp Project. When you have a pile of envelopes with used stamps give Pam Smith a call at 898-9755 and she will arrange to have them picked up.

In February, the Squamish Planned Parenthood Clinic will open and the association is looking for interested people to serve on the board. A volunteer training course will be offered by Planned Parenthood of B.C. and the course will focus on effective communication skills, basic anatomy, birth control and reproductive health issues, and clinic management. For more information, please leave a message for Lori at 892-3585.

It was so refreshing to be watching the BCTV news last week and see a young man from Squamish being interviewed. Bruce Ramus, son of Doreen Ramus (and the late Ken Ramus), has come a long way since his year with Up With People. In the world of lighting, Bruce is among the best and he was in charge of all the lighting for the U2 concert that played in GM Place. For many years he's been the lighting specialist for many name bands and musicians including Bryan Adams.

Worden and Myrtle Ofstie recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and they extend special thanks to their family and friends for making it such a special day. The gifts including beautiful plant, cards and good wishes along with the lovely refreshments were much appreciated. The Ofsties extend God's blessings to all of you for your thoughtfulness.

Please remember the Squamish Public Library is closed Christmas and Boxing Day, as well as New Years Day. It is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 27 and noon-5 p.m. all other days.

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Community News

Cheese latkes have become a tradition

We're driven by impulse to fill the year's darkest days with light. When we string up the Christmas lights, light the Advent candles or the menorah for Hanukkah, we're transforming our spiritual darkness into light. Light brings comfort and joy, driving out the despair of darkness. It has shaped winter festivals around the world from the earliest times.

Ancient winter festivals shine with a striking similarity and hunger for light. Long before Christianity, Celtic druids decked their halls with evergreens. They lit fires on the Winter Solstice to remind the sun to return and bring life.

These rituals were absorbed by the Christmas celebration, held at the same time of year, even though some scholars think Jesus was more likely born in September. Calling Jesus Christ "the light of the world" and putting his birthday at the same time as this older, more popular festival attracted followers to the new religion.

Ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia from December 17-24 with one day of candlelit processions devoted to the old Persian god Mithras, foe of darkness. Hanukka, too, is linked to the solstice and shines light throughout the darkest days. This year it starts on Dec. 23 and ends on Dec. 30.

Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights, is an eight-day mid-winter celebration that marks the rededication (the word Hanukkah or Chanukah means "dedication") of the holy temple in Jerusalem. It had been desecrated during the Jewish uprising against the Greeks and Syrians in 165 BC. Although there was only enough oil to light the lamps of the temple for one night, they miraculously burned for eight.

In honor of the miracle and to celebrate this festival, one candle is lit in a special eight-armed candelabra — the menorah — on the first night, and on each succeeding night until all eight are lit on the last night. Dishes cooked in oil are a symbolic part of the Hanukkah feast. Fried food represents the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days.

Cheese pancakes became a tradition during the Middle Ages. They represent the heroism of the widow Judith who, according to legend, tempted the general of an invading army with salty cheese delicacies. Following the meal, she quenched his thirst with so much wine, he passed out. Judith then used his sword to cut off his head. His soldiers fled in panic, leading to the defeat of Nebuchadnezzar's army.

Jewish cuisine is broad and varied. Which isn't surprising, given that Jews began to move in exile around the world nearly 2,000 years ago. North Americans know Jewish food as bagels, blintzes, corned beef on rye — all brought over more than 100 years ago by Ashkenazic Jews from northern and

eastern Europe. "Latke" is an Ashkenazic word for pancakes.

Ashkenazic Cheese Latkes

- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp. sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt

In a food processor or a blender, puree the cheese, eggs, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Pour into a mixing bowl. Stir in the flour and salt.

Heat a non-stick skillet until hot. Brush with a bit of melted butter. Drop heaping tablespoons of batter onto the pan. Fry at medium heat until bubbles form on the top of the cakes and the bottoms are golden, about 3 to 4 minutes. Turn and cook until the pancakes brown and are cooked through, about another 2 minutes. Serve at once with sour cream and jam or fruit syrup. Makes about 25 three-inch pancakes.

Potato latkes or pancakes are the most popular traditional food served during Hanukkah. Use baking-type potatoes (from Pemberton) for the best texture. Shred them on the coarse blade of a food processor or grate them by hand.

Be prepared to hover over the frying pan. They really are best eaten fresh from the pan with applesauce and sour cream.

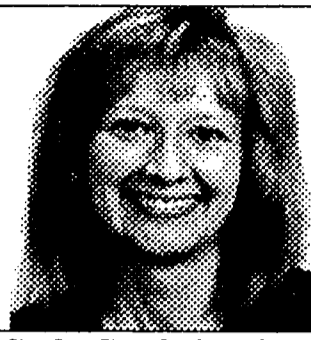
Potato Latkes

- 3 large baking potatoes, peeled and grated
- 1 medium onion, grated (optional)
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- vegetable oil for frying

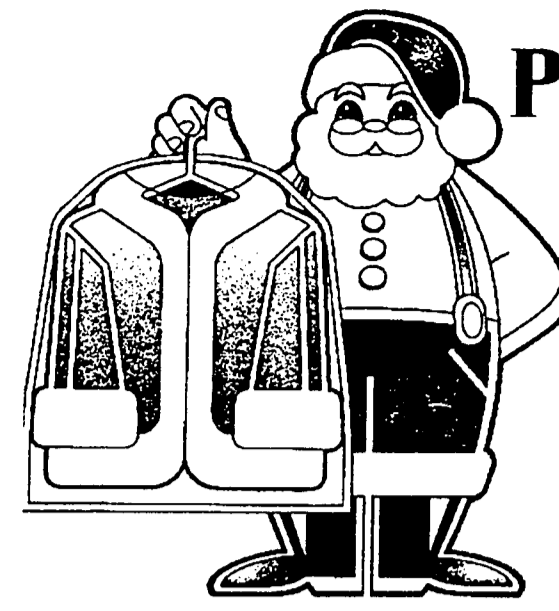
Squeeze the excess liquid from the potatoes and onion. Beat the egg, flour and baking powder together. Stir into the potatoes and onion. Season with salt and pepper. Let rest for 5 minutes. Heat a film of oil in a large, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Drop a heaping spoonful of potato mixture into the oil and flatten with a spoon. Fry on both sides until golden brown and crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes on each side. Drain briefly on paper towels. Serve while hot and crisp with applesauce and sour cream.

Makes about a dozen latkes.

Cathie Price



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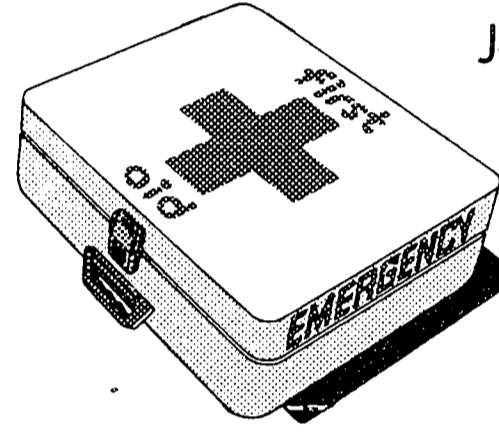
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BRIEFS

Silverfoot Canines take third in flyball competition

The Sea to Sky Silverfoot Canine Sports Club made the run to Cloverdale Sunday, Dec. 7 for a flyball tournament, the largest held in the Lower Mainland yet. The competition attracted 18 teams from all over British Columbia and several entries came from Washington state. The 12-hour challenge was fast, exciting and tense as the dogs and their humans fought for a second-place prize. The Silverfoot Canines finished third in division four.

Bonnie Douglas dances her way to six more gold medals

Since her first competition in October of this year, eight-year-old Bonnie Douglas has participated in three more Highland Dance competitions. The student of Angus MacKenzie has lettered herself in each one. Her goal was to have fun and try for a first place finish. She certainly has been having fun, and along the way has earned six gold, two silver and two bronze medals. She can also add an aggregate award for her category to her list of achievements.

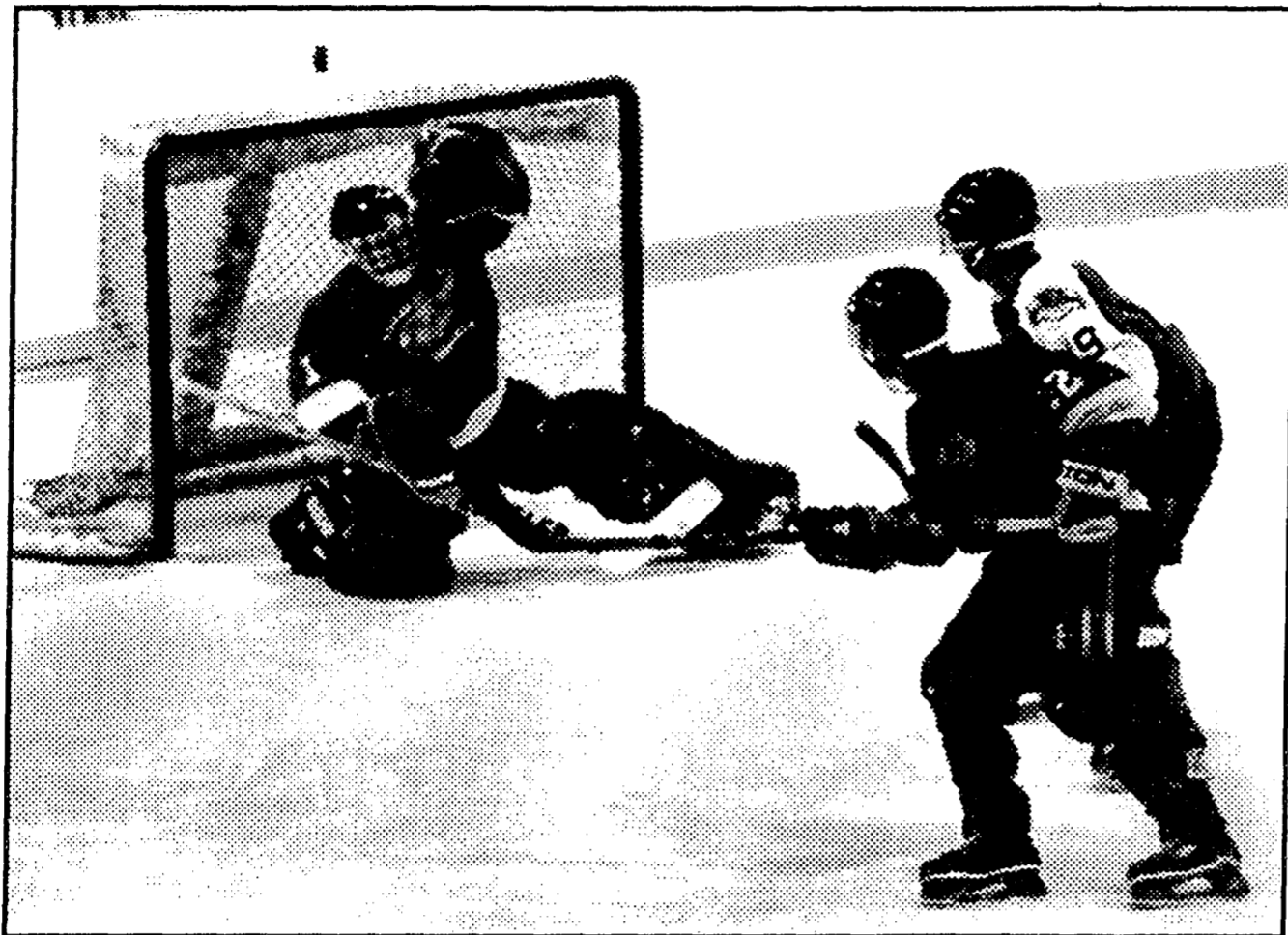
Bonnie is continuing to study ballet and has just completed her Royal Academy of Dance Grade one exam through the Garibaldi School of Dance and is looking forward to their spring performances.

Paternoster blowing away Youth Bowling League

In the Youth Bowling League on Wednesday, 11-year-old Anthony Paternoster rolled a high single of 302. His league average is 125. Way to go Anthony.

Wendy's Youth Soccer scene

In Wendy's Youth Soccer this week only two teams saw action as the U12 and U14 squads both had byes and the U17 Girls Travelling Team's game was cancelled. The U13s managed a convincing 7-3 win over the Lynn Valley Vipers and the undermanned U16s suffered a 1-3 loss at the hands of Burnaby.



Squamish Tire Red Wings' goalie Gadge Jhuty, left, deflects the puck over the Wings' net during Saturday's game against the Grizzly Bar and Grill Flyers. On the right, Jeff Fryer of the Red Wings deeks the Flyers' Danny Sargent. The Red Wings edged past the Flyers for a 5-4 win.

KEVIN MCKINNON/THE CHIEF

Men's Hockey: McDonald's takes apart Build All in 17-8 win

By KEVIN MCKINNON
The Chief

The Howe Sound Men's Hockey League featured high scoring games and massive amounts of penalty minutes during several of this week's contests.

Wednesday night's game between the Pair Tree Thunder and The Squamish Tire Red Wings saw relatively equal performances by the two teams in all respects except penalties. While the Thunder managed 12 minutes of sin bin time, the Red Wings racked up an amazing 52 penalty minutes, including two 10-minute misconducts and two 10-minute game misconducts.

The Thunder opened up the scoring with two goals in the first, by Mike Marzocco and Bill Roach. The Red Wings' lone goal of the period was potted by Ryan Johnson.

Into the second the Red Wings turned it up a notch and planted four more pucks in the Thunders net. Goals were tallied by John Eudo, Barden and two by J. Fryer. The Thunder managed another two goals in the second as M. Koshel and D. Spencer each nailed one, but the Red Wings' extra point meant a 5-4 win over the Thunder.

Goalie Gadge Jhuty made 29 stops for the Red Wings and S. McDonald stopped 25 for the Thunder.

Also on Wednesday night, McDonald's met the Grizzly Bar and Grill Flyers in a game that actually had no penalty minutes for either side.

Paul Noble was the first on the score sheet and gave McDonald's their only goal of the period. Randy Leblanc managed two goals for the Flyers and Scott Rabb scored another to finish up the first with the Flyers leading 3-1.

Heading into the second, the Flyers pummeled the McDonald's net with shot after shot and in all made eight goals in the period. Travis Moyle found the back of McDonald's net twice. Scott Rabb added one more point to the Flyers' tally, as did Jason Vanzella. Barrie Woodward was definitely the force on the ice in the second period, as he hammered four more nails into McDonald's coffin. The McDonald's squad got it together long enough to sneak two goals into the Flyers' net, but the effort made by B. Ackerman and K. Horth simply wasn't enough to

save their bacon and the game went to the Flyers with an 11-3 final.

Friday night's first match up was between the Pair Tree Thunder and the Panagopoulos Rangers. The Rangers' Adam Ryan started the scoring and was joined later in the period by Joel Tuininga. The Thunder's Andrew Pereman and Dale Smith each picked up a goal and the first period ended in a 2-2 tie.

The second period saw Ryan score again for the Rangers after less than a minute of play. Before the 15 minute mark, Jason Robertson had two goals of his own bringing the Rangers' tally up to five. The Thunder weren't content to lose this one though, and after a loss to the Red Wings earlier in the week they wanted to chalk one up in the win column. Mike Koshel, Ken McGregor, Mike Marzocco, Andrew Pereman and Smith added singles for the Thunder. Bill Roach slapped in two more to give the Thunder a 9-5 win.

The second game of the night was the highest scoring game of the week as McDonald's took Build All apart in a 17-8 goal-fest.

McDonald's came out strong in the first, scoring eight goals before the period ended. Making appearances on the game sheet were Jason David, Bob Cunneyworth, Graham Newell and Tony Mahood who each scored single goals. Brian Jahnke and John Beatty potted two goals each for the McDonald's cause. Build All made managed goals in the first period. Shane Hurrin and Jay Mitchell netted one each. Craig Halliday and Bill Foreman both managed to find the back of the net twice.

Going into the second, McDonald's were up 8-6 and Build All still had a chance, but not for long. Nine more of McDonald's pucks were wrapped up and mailed to the Build All net as early Christmas presents. Jahnke made a hat trick by slotting in another goal and Mahood put away his second of the evening. Jason David got a hat trick of his own by adding two more in the goal column, but it was Beatty who gave the gift that just keeps on giving, five more goals on top of the two scored in the first for a total of seven in the game. Build All's Foreman and Halliday both made hat tricks by slamming in one more each. There were no penalty minutes doled

out during the non-stop goal-a-thon.

Saturday night's contest between the Grizzly Bar and Grill Flyers and the Squamish Tire Red Wings was a close one right from the drop of the puck.

The Flyers started things off with two goals before the 10-minute mark as Danny Sargent and Lloyd Patchell each whipped one in. The Red Wings' Calem Gardner closed the gap by one at the nine minute mark and Scott Hunter dropped two bombs in the Flyers net with less than two minutes remaining in the first, to give the Wing's a one-point lead.

The second period was scoreless until Gardner added an insurance marker with seven minutes remaining. One minute later the Flyers closed the gap by one as Travis Moyle snaked the puck into the Red Wings' net. Hunter made his third goal of the evening and a hat trick with three minutes remaining to widen the gap back to two. Just when it looked like the game was over for the Flyers, Barrie Woodward made an appearance with just over two minutes remaining and closed the gap back to one. The Red Wings were able to hold off the Flyers though, and came out with a 5-4 win.

SCU Bantams win again

The Squamish Credit Union Bantams were at it again, and this week hosted the Sunshine Coast C-2's on Saturday. The Bantams battled their way to their first shutout of the season.

SCU was led by Josh Green with a hat trick and Cody Groves with a three-point game. Carl Spani, Ryan Carrat and Ty Froment earned two points apiece, while Richie Jones improved style of play earned him a point. Travis Buckley and Jason McKinney rounded out the scoring. SCU's inability to earn the third sportsmanship point continued when McKinney took a minor penalty and then talked himself into a 10-minute misconduct and off the ice for the duration of the game.

The game was a solid effort by the Bantams, a nice way to head into the holiday break.

SCU next travels to North Vancouver, Sunday, to meet the C-4 team, where they hope to avenge a previous 5-7 loss.

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Sports



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Squamish New United takes on Vancouver's CHSA, Sunday. CHSA was up 1-2 at the half, but New United came back in the second and chalked up a 4-2 win on a soggy, but playable Centennial Field.

New United's year end win

BY ROGER FAIRCHILD
Contributed to The Chief

Squamish New United went out with a bang in an end of the season battle Sunday against Vancouver's CHSA with Centennial Field being opened up under the guidance of head referee Peter Martin. A meeting of all concerned was held at 9 a.m. to check the conditions of the soccer fields, and after walking all four fields, Martin's decision was to go ahead, a decision which proved to be a good one for New United as the stormy morning weather cleared up by 2 p.m. That set the stage for a game which proved to be as exciting as any of the year.

The game was only five minutes old when CHSA had the opportunity to open the scoring with a penalty shot after one of their forwards was brought down in the 18-yard box. CHSA

made no mistakes, and put the ball in the back of the net.

New United's defence seemed to buckle under pressure as time and time again, CHSA would penetrate through to take shots on net, but keeper Jamie Cudmore kept things under control. After 20 minutes of play a scramble in front of the visiting team's net resulted in Squamish's first goal from Richard Collins. A second penalty shot given to CHSA put the score 1-2 in favor of Vancouver at the half.

The second half seemed a different game as New United settled down to take full control and tied up the game with goal from forward Danny Kingston. New United's midfield now started to dominate the play, over running CHSA's defence. Once again Kingston broke free to make the score 3-2 and in the 80th minute, Collins planted another in the CHSA net, giving New United a convincing 4-2 win.



KEVIN MCKINNON/THE CHIEF

Howe Sound's Belle ringette team skating right over Delta during Saturday's game at the Brennan Park arena. The Belle's thrashed Delta for a 7-2 victory, five goals of which were made by Lori Aseltine.

Belle ringette: 7-2 win over Delta

BY KEVIN MCKINNON
The Chief

Howe Sound Ringette's Belle squad took on Delta in a well played, fairly one-sided match, Saturday at the Brennan Park arena.

Aseltines played key roles for the Squamish crew, one racking up goals and another preventing them.

The Howe Sound Belles showed off superior skating and passing skills.

Lori Aseltine was especially effective at decking through the Delta defense and put the first ring of the game past Delta's goalie, a sight that was to become very familiar throughout the rest of the contest. Lori managed three more goals in the first period and

singles were made by Anne Pino and Lisa Noble. The first period ended with Howe Sound up 6-0.

A great effort by goalie Kelly Aseltine played a major role in keeping Delta off the score sheet in the first. Kelly made several spectacular saves and kept up the effort into the second period.

The scoring was opened in the second by Delta, which managed to sneak two rings into the Howe Sound net.

Lori Aseltine planted another marker in the Delta end with 32 seconds remaining, her fifth of the game, and Howe Sound skated off the ice with a decisive 7-2 victory.

Howe Sound stopped 25 shots on goal and Delta stopped 22.

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The Squamish Breakers' Teresa Schellenberg, left, shows off the award that she and four other players from the Over Thirty Ladies Soccer League were given last week for having the grit to play the game after the age of 50. From Schellenberg's left are Vancouver's Barbara Rowlands, Jenny O'Connell, Catherine MacDonald and Ann Westwood.

Eagles and birdies and turkeys, oh my!

By KEVIN MCKINNON
 The Chief

On Dec. 6 the Squamish Valley Golf and Country Club hosted the final golf tournament of the 1997 season. A total of 32 players braved all 18 holes of the frozen fairways for the chance to win a holiday turkey. No one knew who their partners were until the 18th hole was finished.

The first prize went to Frank Babuin and Tiger Johnstone who finished with a net score of 141. Second place was taken by the team of Bob Singer and Wilma Kingston with a net score of 148. Third was won by Eric Strom and Larry Allan with 149.

Fourth place was taken by Rick King and Reg Fiset, also with 149. The fifth place winners were Ben Hubbard and Keith Roberts who finished with 150.

A hidden score saw Bill Featherstone and Duncan Graham earn a turkey each.

The high score was made by Larry Houston and Eric Strom, who each got a small turkey for their efforts.

Closest to the pin winners were Donna Lindsay and Ian Ferguson.

Remember that even though the tournaments are over for this year there are still plenty of opportunities to play, so don't put those clubs away yet.

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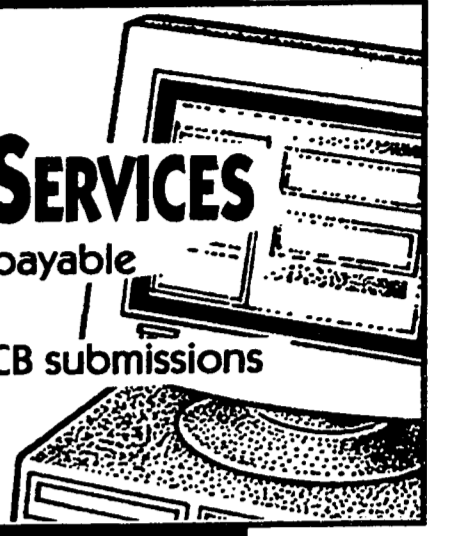
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Christmas Messages

Reach out to those in need

BY REV. JOHN STEPHENS
St. John the Divine Anglican Church

What is the most important part of this Christmas season for you? If you could only have one thing as part of your Christmas celebrations, what would it be? The presents? The tree? The decorations? The carols? The turkey? The fruit cake? It is a tough question but one that truly gets to the meaning of our festivities around Dec. 25. I think most of us would say it is the time with family and friends which is the central joy of our Christmas.

Two thousand years ago, God came to be a part of our world. God was born in a dirty, smelly stable and used a feeding trough as a cradle. It was hardly a triumphal entry, but that tiny baby Jesus came into the world not all alone but into a family. He came to us not fully grown, not ready to take on the world, but as a helpless child, born to poor parents. He was part of a family which would nurture, love and care for him all his life. Family was as important to God and His Son on that day as it is to us at this time of year in 1997.

Family is something we so often take

for granted. They are often the people we do not treat as kindly as total strangers. They are the ones who experience our true self with our frustrations, our ups and downs, our sadnesses and hurts. They are the ones who stick with us through difficult times and hardships just as Mary was there to witness Jesus die on the cross. Our family is so important as we find our feet in this world. Family and companionship and friends are the key words of Christmas celebrations and throughout the year.

Families are going through most difficult times late in this 20th Century. Family breakdown and collapse is becoming more and more prevalent. This is sad and frightening in that children are so obviously influenced and shaped through their close relationships. Christmas is a time when the pain of family difficulties comes to the forefront. It is a time when grief at the loss of someone close rises to the surface once again. So in our community this Christmas, along with all those wonderful celebrations, there will be families who are hurting, who are feeling the pain of loss or difficult circumstances. They need our support, our caring and our

love. Our community reaches out to one another at this time of year through the Christmas Care program. People who are hurting also need the kindness and support of friends and relations to help them through. Family, whether blood relations or the neighbor next door, is a vital part of celebrations at the birth of Jesus Christ.

God sent His Son Jesus to be an example to us. He showed us the importance of family but also the importance of reaching out to those in need. He showed us that at the centre of life is love, everything else is extra. Many of you have seen the Christmas TV program How the Grinch Stole Christmas. In that program, a mean-spirited Grinch tries to stop Christmas from coming by stealing the Christmas decorations, presents, treats and food. He expects the people to be overcome by sadness but instead, they react as they would on any other Christmas morning by singing and joining hands together, for that was the meaning of Christmas. Let us also learn it is in loving and upholding our families and friends and all caring relationships that God is revealed to us once again at this Christmas time.

Living a lifetime of imprisonment

BY REV. VIC PETERS
Pastor of Valleycliffe Christian Fellowship

As we look into our prisons today they are crowded with prisoners. Many people today live a life of imprisonment.

The world's longest serving prisoner was discharged from an American prison after having served 66 years. But the world's longest serving war prisoner was a French soldier who was held by the Russian government for one century and one day. The story is as follows:

Savain was captured when Napoleon was invading Russia in 1812. He was then never allowed to return, and the French government which succeeded Napoleon's was indifferent to the fate of its subjects imprisoned abroad. After 60 years of rigorous confinement, Savain

was allowed to settle in a little hut which was under guard. In 1912 — a full century and one day after capture, he was released by death.

A life of imprisonment. Today many people are living a life of imprisonment and Christ came to this world to set the captives free. Jesus said: "He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners..." (Lu. 4:18b). This is the Christmas message.

We read in Matthew 1:21, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All of mankind was born into sin and Jesus Christ is the only one who can set us free from all our sin, and this was His reason for coming.

Have you allowed Jesus to set you free

or are you still a prisoner? Christ's desire is to set everyone free but the problem is that many people don't recognize they are prisoners. Most prisoners in the prison system would love to be set free. A warden of a prison sent a note around to inmates asking for suggestions on the kind of party they would recommend in order to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The prisoners all had the same idea — "Open House".

Do you want to be set free? Jesus came to set us free, and we have a choice. The French soldier Savain didn't have a choice as to whether or not he could get out of the Russian prison, but you and I have a choice as to whether or not we want to be set free from the bondage of sin. The choice is yours. Remember, Jesus came to set you free.

Acknowledge God's unconditional generosity

BY PASTOR DERWYN COSTINAK
Squamish Pentecostal Assembly

"He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you've awake, he know if you've been bad or good — so be good for goodness sake!"

As the lilting lyrics of this carol waft through the air, many children desperately watch their behavior so that Santa Claus doesn't find some reason to leave them only a lump of coal. Kids understand that the jolly fellow in the red suit

only gives gifts to a select few — those who have been good.

In dramatic contrast to this is the history of the first Christmas. The God of Heaven, who truly does see us when we're sleeping and awake, gave the greatest gift of all.

The remarkable thing about this Gift-Giver is that He did not give only to a select few, but to all. When God gave His Son Jesus Christ to the world, He did not consult a list of those who had been bad or good first; every person has been given

the same wonderful gift.

This Christmas, let's gratefully accept God's gift to us. We really don't deserve to receive anything from Him, yet He gave anyway. Christmas is the time we acknowledge God's unconditional generosity and love through Jesus Christ. Remember, the baby in the manger is the best gift, and He's been given to you.

More Christmas Messages from Squamish churches will be printed in The Chief next week.

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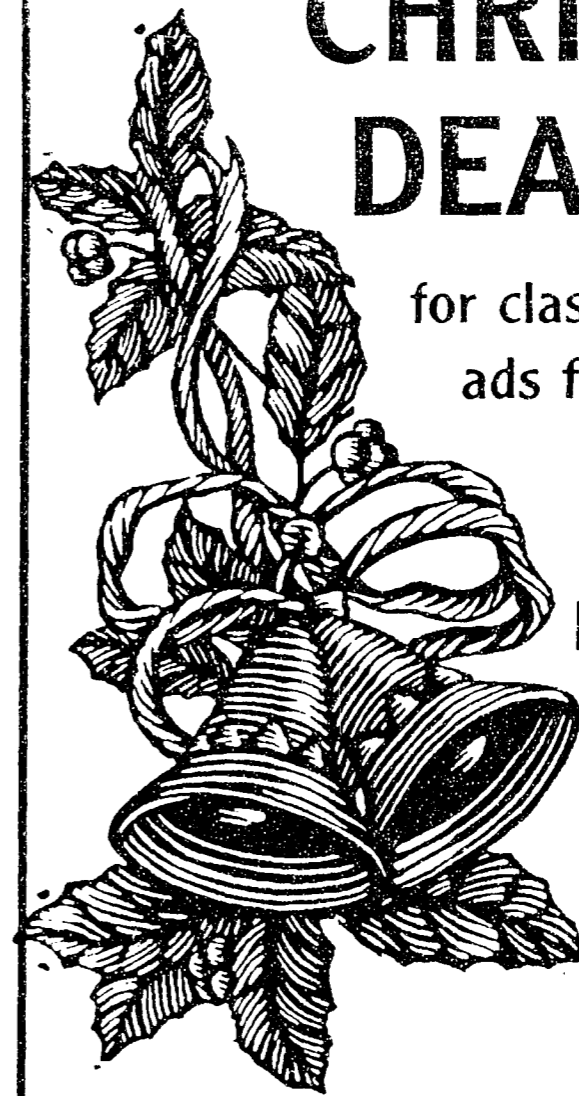
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